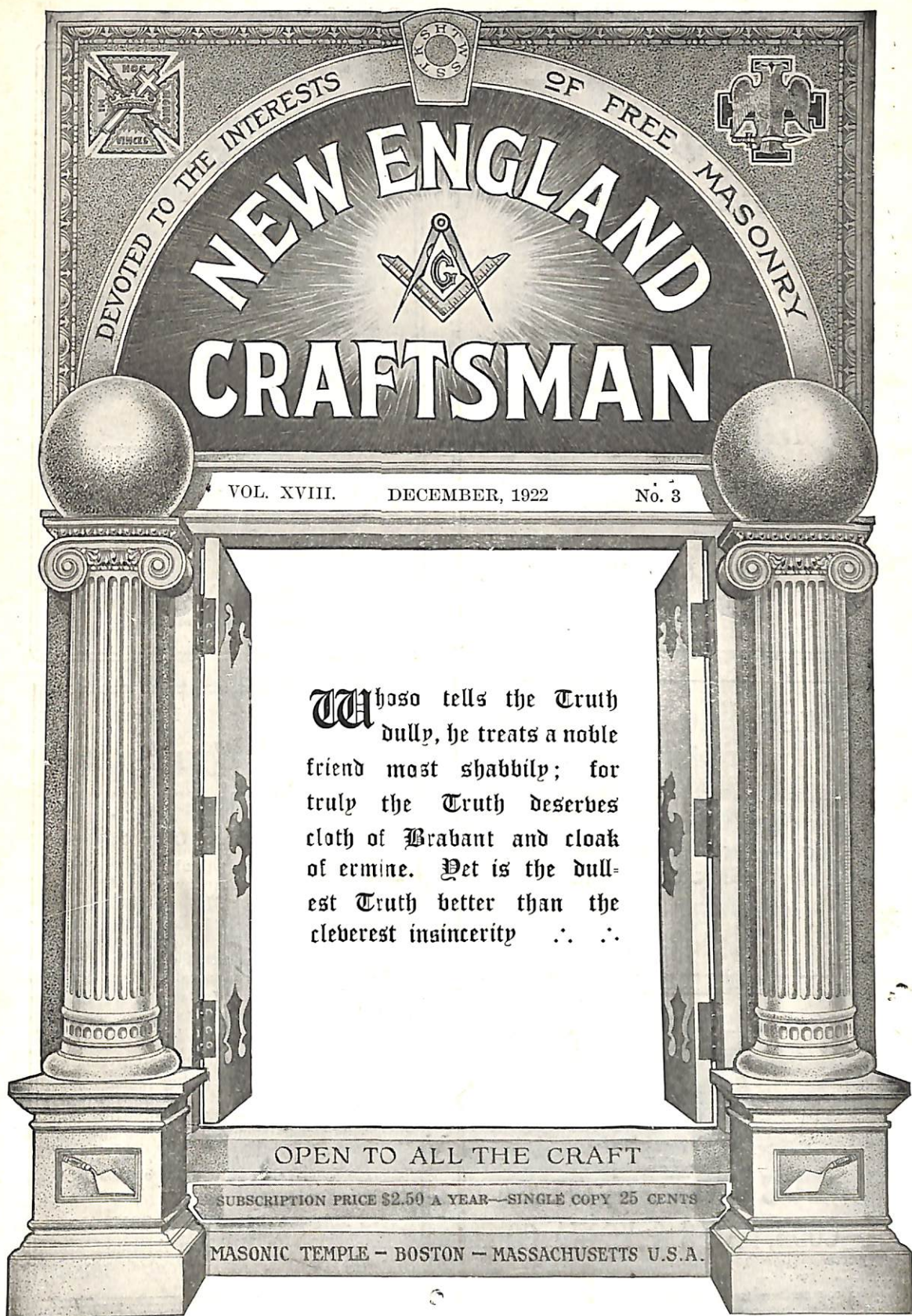




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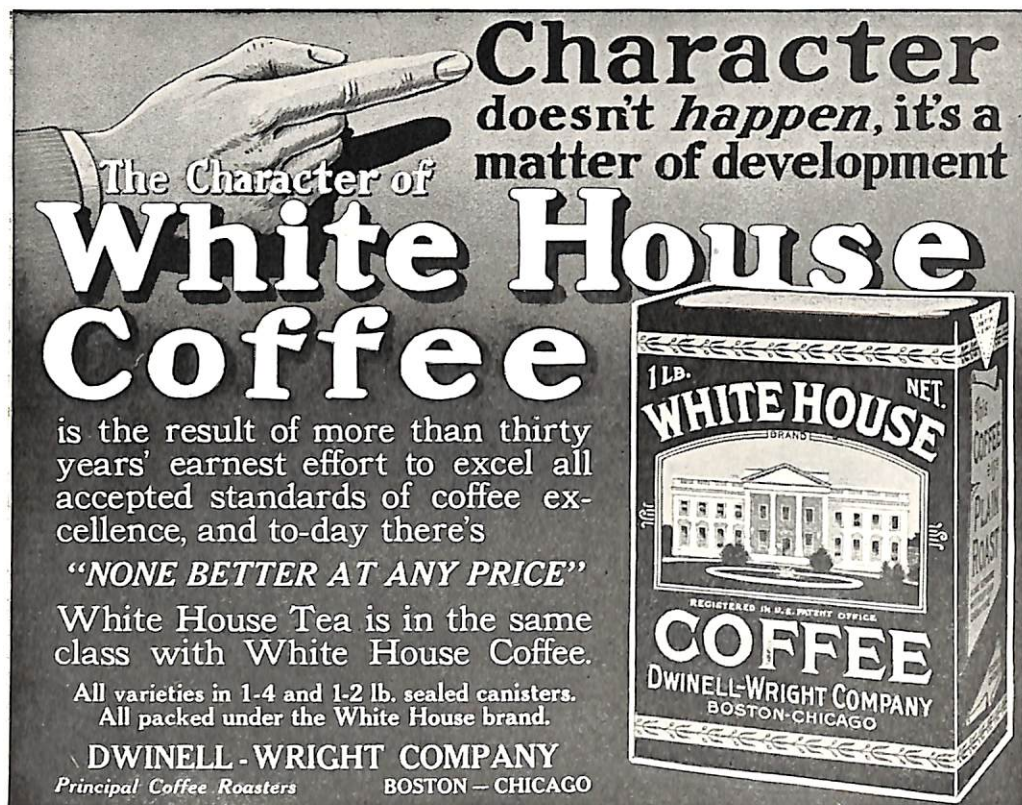
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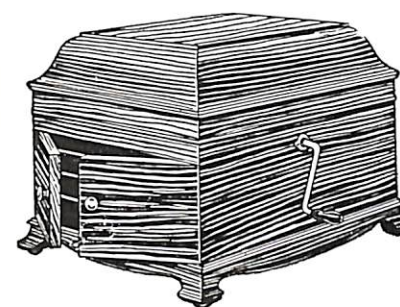
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The Craftsman extends to its readers
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THE NEW
GRAND MASTER

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held December 15, a new Grand Master was elected. To Most Worshipful Dudley Ferrell, the choice of the Grand Lodge of this state for this high office, we offer hearty felicitations and best wishes for a wise and successful administration.

The office of Grand Master has called to it in the past able men with wide vision and great talents. The position is not an easy one to fill, calling as it does for the exercise of tact and rare administrative ability. May the Supreme Architect guide Most Worshipful Brother Ferrell's every act during the term of his office and make the years of his tenure milestones in Massachusetts Masonic history.

A WORTHY
MAN PASSES

With sorrow we record the death of Warren Bartlett Ellis, founder of this publication and editor for the first twelve years of its existence. The newspapers have recorded in brief the record of his life, but the fuller measure of his merit as a man and a Mason cannot be told in cold print. He was a true man. True to the instincts of a noble and generous nature, charitable and kindly in all his acts, a friend to all mankind, generous, even prodigal of his time and effort in all good deeds; never intentionally slighting any man, always faithfully striving to do his best—a gentle man. His record is one seldom equalled.

Coming from a God-fearing family with the best traditions of Puritan New England behind him, his life has been exemplary, his works always worthy and his companionship, especially during his later years a benediction.

He will be missed as few other men in Masonry in Massachusetts.

Devoting as he did the major part of a long life to the interests of an Order he loved, he unselfishly and unstintedly served his fellows far beyond the measure of most men and the allotted three score years and ten. To a host of friends his passing will leave a gap impossible to fill.

As the founder, in October, 1905, of the NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN, he had courage to proceed where other men faltered, and with undaunted faith in the Fraternity and a sincere desire to render true service to it, he persevered in a labor of love, the re-

sults of which are a memorial to his vision and enterprise. His was an influence always exerted for the best in the cause of the brotherhood of man, to which his energy and talents were devoted.

As a personal friend and co-worker, the present editor can truly testify that to be in his companionable and enlightening society was to be indeed highly favored.

The merit of his work will be found in the influence he exerted in a wide sphere among his fellowmen and the deep affection in which he was held by all who knew him.

On another page in this issue will be found the record of his Masonic life.

THE NEW YEAR With the approach of 1923 New Year's resolutions are in order. While much has

been said against the making of resolutions at the beginning of each year and scoffers have joked at the ease with which these are broken, yet it is well to recapitulate the past, to look into the future and analyze the spirit and motive prompting our efforts.

We cannot be too often reminded that we are born to die. The span of earthly life is brief at best. Much is to be accomplished.

What are the things worth doing?

Is it the life of pleasure we seek; the thought of selfish comforts; the accumulation of riches? The ambition for place and power? We can doubtless have all these if we try hard enough, but are they in themselves enough? Are they worth while? A good name is better than great riches.

Now, at the advent of a New Year, with misery and suffering, hardship and unhappiness abroad in the world as perhaps never before, and from which we have been mercifully spared; with many calls upon our compassion and purse, let us look about and see wherein we can do some little good. A simple verse of childhood comes to mind: "Little drops of water; little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean, and the pleasant land." And so while it may seem to us that our efforts as individuals are insignificant, in the aggregate they are a powerful force, a great thing.

Let us resolve to make 1923 a happier year—happier not for ourselves alone, but happier for others less fortunate; so will it be proved that we shall have attained a greater measure of happiness and merit peace in our conscience and a place in the thoughts of our fellow men more worthy than can be had through any other means.

WILLIAM FINCH, THE UNWORTHY

A Famous Masonic Impostor
By Bro. Dudley Wright

The annals of Freemasonry do not contain the records of many impostors and the careers of the few that have existed have been short-lived. The most famous, or infamous, character in this respect, and the one whose imposture ran the longest, was William Finch, a working tailor, of Canterbury and Lambeth. He has been described as "a nondescript in his principles, and cormorant in his appetite for plunder." He lived, in fact, on the credulity of mankind in general, and of Freemasons in particular. He had been a member of the regular Masonic body, but his name had been erased from the roll by order of the Grand Lodge of England, when he at once set up a Masonry of his own, founded upon a wonderful cipher, and embarked upon his career as a private tutor in Freemasonry and its ritual, giving instructions for a monetary consideration, and it is said that large numbers resorted to him for tuition.

He also opened a lodge in his own house, charging exorbitant fees for the supposed degrees conferred. He frequently succeeded in defrauding workmen of the results of their labor by persuading them to be initiated in this home-made lodge. One poor fellow, named Smith, was thus victimized. When he sent in his bill for work done, Finch, as usual, returned him a contra account for Masonic instruction. Smith refused to pay the demand and brought an action to recover the sum of £4 2s. as balance of an account for engraving and printing Finch's Masonic pictures. As a set-off against this Finch pleaded that Smith was indebted to him in the sum of £15 19s 6d for initiation, passing, raising, instruction in various Masonic degrees at the Independent Lodge held in his own house. Smith had sufficient acumen to bring forward as witnesses on his behalf the Rev. Dr. Hemming, grand chaplain and past grand warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and Bros. White and Harper, the joint grand secretaries, all of whom testified that Finch had no authority to open a lodge, to initiate or to make Masons, or to give any instruction in Masonry; and that his whole system was an imposition on the public. The judge decided that Finch must be classed as an impostor, his claim ranked as illegal, and his conduct unjustifiable, and

that, as he had been repudiated by the fraternity, he must be regarded as an outlaw without any claim to protection. The jury gave their verdict in favor of the engraver for the full amount of his claim.

As a result of this defeat, Finch issued a manifesto, in which he made the following extraordinary disclosure, although few persons were found sufficiently credulous to believe it:

"About four years ago our worthy and respectable Rabee, the mastor of the lodge at Hampton Court, was deputed by his brethren at that place and parts adjacent to wait on me (W. Finch), and solicit my attendance at Hampton, to instruct the brethren in various parts of Masonry. The evening was fixed for holding a conclave and encampment in the degree of Knights Templar, etc., in which my assistance was most earnestly solicited, to conduct the business of the evening and to make several brothers. Agreeably to this request I attended, and Dr. Hemming was one of the party. He assisted me as one of my officers, acting according to my instructions, agreed with all my systems; and paid me five guineas for my trouble. Now I call upon Dr. Hemming to deny any part of this statement if he can; and had he not been so extremely officious as to have come forward in an action for debt wherein I was chiefly concerned, I should not have thus exposed him."

Finch published several booklets, the first of which was as follows:

A Masonic Treatise, with an elucidation on the religious and moral duties of Freemasonry. Ziydujxyjpix (Architecture, Zqjigstr (Astronomy), Wxztjxin (Geometry), etc., R.A., A.M., R.C., K.T., M.P., M., etc., for the use of lodges and brothers in general. Dedicated by permission to William Perfect, Esq., provincial grand master of the county of Kent. By W. Finch, Canterbury.

The following letter sent by Finch to the provincial grand master of Kent has also been discovered. It is dated from High Street, Canterbury, 15th April, 1801:

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother:

"The kind reception which my manuscript and application has met with from you, calls forth my warmest thanks of gratitude.

"Words, Sir, are inadequate to express

what my heart feels on the occasion, being fully conscious that this little production falls infinitely short of meeting that kind patronage and support which your goodness has condescended to bestow upon it. But when I view the high pinnacle of Kentish Masonic science built on the groundwork of its truly illustrious provincial Grand, I certainly must attribute this polite condescension more to the love of the royal order in general, than anything you can possibly find worthy of merit in those feeble efforts. Having, sir, obtained your protection and sanction, what more can I possibly hope? What greater acquisition could a work far superior to this require, than being placed under, and illuminated by one of the most brilliant gems in our ancient and royal order?

"To render this small treatise subservient to the cause of Masonry is the summit of my most sanguine wishes. What theme could be more delightful than that of Masonry? Can we contemplate a science more extensive, or principles more pure? Even Christianity itself stands out in competition with it. How great! how glorious! is the reflection to all the advocates of Masonry, that amidst all the revolutions of time and places—the various vicissitudes which the most noble institutions have undergone—amidst all the misfortunes and persecutions which have befallen the human race, Masonry has fought its way triumphantly and, rearing its venerable and majestic head, bids defiance to envy, malice, and contempt. It ever has, and still continues to merit the patronage and support of the good and great. In all ages and countries it is cherished and protected. Whoever supports Masonry, supports the character of the Supreme Grand and Universal Architect, whose laws we reverence, whose precepts we adore. As Masons and Christians we fight under the banners of our Grand Master and Saviour, the Captain of our Salvation, against all false Ham's and Judas's. May every Mason be animated with that pious zeal and nobleness of soul which shines so conspicuously in the character of our Provincial Grand. May we all be conducted from this Terrestrial Masonic Port, through the Stormy Ocean of Human Frailty, to that grand summit of Jacob's Ladder (our wished for haven) where our Supreme Grand and Omniscient Master and Tyler will open the doors of his Celestial Lodge, in the eternal Degree of Bliss to all true Masons.

"I find, sir, I am now wading far beyond my depth, and incapable to lengthen a theme so amiable, so Godlike, for a subject so sublime calls on far superior talents to delineate its beauties, whose aspiring height, circumference, and diameter are wisdom, strength and beauty.

"May you, sir, in return for having filled your present position of trust and honor, with such unparalleled integrity, here below wing (in due time) your flight to that grand and celestial royal arch lodge above, where true Masonic philanthropy and every other virtue will be amply rewarded, will ever be the fervent wish of

"Right Worshipful Grand Sir,
"Your obliged humble servant
"and affectionate Brother,
"W. Finch."

In the first part of the book, according to an explanation published by the late H. C. Levander, the cipher used is formed by reversing the alphabet. Thus a—z, b—y, c—x, etc. The cipher used on the title page is as follows:

Cipher: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u
v w x y z
Key: b d f h j l n p r t v x z y w u s q o m k i
g e c a

In the second part of the work a totally different system is employed. The words must be deciphered by taking the last letter, then the first, then the last but one, then the second, and so on. Two or three words also are often run into one, for example, erectemhddroh, is "he ordered them." In addition to this, the nine digits stand for certain frequently recurring words; the same digit repeated denoting the plural number, thus 1 stands for Lodge, 11 for Lodges; 3 for Fellowcraft, 33 for Fellowcrafts. The first edition of this book was published in 1800, the second in 1802.

Other books were as follows:

An elucidation of Masonic plates, consisting of 64 different examples. London, 1802.

A Masonic Key, with an elucidation. Deal, 1803.

The Lectures, Laws, and Ceremonies of the Holy Royal Arch Degree of Freemasonry. Lambeth, 1812.

A New Set of Craft Lectures for the use of lodges and the brethren in general. Lambeth, 1814.

The Origin of Freemasons, their doctrines, etc. London, 1816.

He also published many other pamphlets, concerning the higher degrees of Freemasonry, for each of which he charged half a guinea. Many of these were in manuscript and so ingeniously constructed that they could not be understood except on personal application to the author, and that interview and explanation could only be obtained on payment of a fee.

In one of the circulars which he issued, he said:

"The last, though not the least, matter of concern to the brotherhood is the rectifying the preposterous and gross errors concerning the real secrets of a Master Mason. Every brother that purchases to the amount of two guineas will have the most incontestable proof given to him that the secrets delivered to him that the secrets delivered to a brother when raised to the third degree (erroneously called the Master Mason) are not the secrets of a Master Mason, nor any connection with them whatever, nor are they found in the Royal Arch, or in any part of the ceremonies thereto belonging, as is generally imagined; and, furthermore, that the said secrets of a Master Mason were never lost, but preserved in a distinct degree, from the days of Solomon to the present time. And for a further purchase of three guineas, he will communicate to such brethren as have been raised to the third degree the real secrets of a Master Mason."

In 1816, he dispensed a circular amongst the fraternity in which he broadly asserted that a vast number of brethren viewed with regret and concern that since the union had taken place, the inundation of modern innovations and the exclusion of most of the ancient rules and ceremonies had given umbrage to a great number of old Masons, and that nearly fifty lodges in town and country had already withdrawn from the union.

In another of his catchpennies he said:

"Had the unfortunate Louis XVI., instead of suppressing lodges, denouncing societies of Freemasons, and bastilling such as persevered in their religious and moral ceremonies, given them every encouragement and protection, by not only countenancing them, but by becoming himself a member of that august and respectable body and nobly patronizing the royal craft, as our own most gracious sovereign and his progeny have done, he and his wretched family would undoubtedly have escaped all the horrors into

which they were inhumanly and barbarously plunged; and atheism, rapine, and murder would not have been the most prominent features in his once civilized, polite, and religious kingdom. With us, thank Providence, the case is quite different; the heir-apparent, our late, and H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, our present grand master, presides in England over that illustrious order—an order which comprehends the most dutiful and loyal subjects his father or any other monarch ever had the honor of reigning over."

In the preface to his work *On the Origin of Masonry*, published in 1816, he said:

"I am well convinced in my own mind that Dr. Hemming and the two grand secretaries would almost as soon lose their office as have the present work made public. I have therefore thought proper to oblige them with its publication; and since they have compelled me to withdraw the veil, I shall give publicity to several other matters that I know will prove highly acceptable to these generous gentlemen, *unless sufficient remuneration is made to me for the loss sustained by their illjudged interference.*"

From that time Finch degenerated into an ignoble obscurity and the following advertisement, which appeared in the London newspapers of July, 1816, tells its own tale. "*To Freemasons, Booksellers, etc.*"

"The brotherhood are respectfully informed that the printed lectures in the various degrees in Masonry, as well as those that have been printed under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, as the others that have been printed without such sanction, are now to be sold off and discontinued. They contain the makings, passings, raisings, exaltations, lectures, and all other ceremonies, etc., which are now to be had with the greatest variety of Masonic plates from 10s 6d to £1 10s. The above cheap sets of lectures will enable Masons to obtain more information in one day than they could otherwise procure in many years.

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Within the year the wretched man died in want of the common necessities of life.

IN HONOR OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S INITIATION

(A great event in Masonic history)

By Prof. Gilbert Patten Brown, A. M., Ph. D., LL.D., (Life member, King Solomon's Lodge, Somerville, Mass.)

The life of him who led to victory the Continental armies and who was born at Wakefield, Westmoreland County, Virginia, February 22, 1732, son of Augustus Washington and Mary Ball, always seems new to the reader of American biography.

It was on Nov. 4, 1752, that George Washington was initiated into Masonry. On the following March 3, he received the Fellow Craft degree and on the records under date of Aug. 4, 1753, we read "George Washington raised Master Mason."

His highest rank in the Colonial service was that of lieutenant-colonel, and he appeared in the dress of his rank to be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry. He was tall, red-headed, round shouldered and stuttered, but as a soldier he was exceptionally brave. We find him to have been brave also in domestic life in that on Jan. 6, 1759 "took fresh courage, and married a widow" Mrs. Martha Danbridge Custis.

He was a member of the "House of Burgess," and was unable to address the audience upon one occasion without stuttering.

His name was brought up in the second Continental Congress as a candidate for commander in chief of the Continental army, and only by a majority of the New England delegates was he elected, his opponent being a Boston man, Hon. John Hancock.

During the eight years of leading the American armies to victory, there were active ten Masonic lodges among the troops. Here he was a frequent and most welcome visitor, and helped to initiate into the mysteries of Masonry such men in the army as Gen. Nathaniel Greene, Gen. Gilbert de Lafayette, Gen. Anthony Wayne, Lieut. Colonel Alexander Hamilton, Hon. Thomas Paine, Captain James Munroe, and Captain John Marshall.

The attempt alone of taking Trenton in 1776, was one of the most daring ideas in world military history. Here Washington took the life of his army in his own hands. But he "made good," as the word goes today.

Had the Continental Congress used Gen. Benedict Arnold right, and given proper promotion as was due him at the advice of Gen. Washington, the patriot cause would not have lost Arnold.

Political experts or creed mongers had but little influence over the civil military affairs in Washington's life. When he took command of the Continental army on that hot July day, under the limbs of a giant tree in old Cambridge, Mass., the first man to greet him was a Mason from Portland, in the eastern part of the state, Col. Jedediah Preble (the father of Commodore Edward Preble, U. S. N.), Dr. John Warren of the Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, next greeted the new commander, and then came along Gen. Richard Gridley, Peleg Wadsworth, and John Groaton of St. John's Lodge of old Boston, to pay their respects to the leader of liberty's troopers, and before the army left the town to march on New York, was founded the "American Union Lodge," to operate in the Continental army and "there make Masons."

The Connecticut brethren greeted him on his march towards the Empire City. In New York he met members of St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, who were ready to join the ranks. It was a most daring move to march on New York with the great number of crack British troops there stationed.

Mrs. Washington was with her husband in New England, and Masons and their wives made it pleasant for her, especially while camped near the greatest university on this side of the Atlantic ocean. This same tall, red headed, bashful Virginia soldier is now leading the most patriotic army that ever marched on American soil. He has a larger percentage of Masons in his military hosts than has ever been known in world history. While he is taking care of land British, his Masonic brethren, Commodore John Paul Jones, Samuel Tucker, Abraham Whipple, James Nicholson and Richard Dale

are defending the cause of liberty on the high seas. And so do we see him a leader all the way through.

The latest Masonic celebration as to the life of General George Washington took place in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on the evening of Nov. 4 last, when many thousands gathered at the spacious auditorium of the celebrated Central High school, and here was represented every branch of the institution of Freemasonry as we have it in our modern civilization. Even the Order of the Eastern Star was well represented upon that noteworthy occasion, and here patriotism was at its best—and sectarianism, caste or politics played no part in that which is ordained of God in our American life.

Free Masonry was declared to be "one of the major sources" from which the Immortal George Washington drew his inspiration to become "the master of men, master of the ages," in an address by Dr. Prof. J. Stanley Durkee, master Mason, president of Howard University of Washington.

The occasion, for which Dr. Durkee was orator, was a celebration in honor of the 170th Masonic birthday of the "father of his country," conducted under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Masonic clubs of the District of Columbia, and was attended by Masons and their families, who crowded the big auditorium to its capacity. Music by the Almas Glee Club, Grotto Band and the Washington Quartet and presentation of Masonic tools used by Washington, completed a program which elicited the enthusiastic appreciation and applause of the gathering. The auditorium was patriotically decorated and the entire exercises were broadcasted by radio.

Rev. Dr. Durkee spoke on "Cisterns From Which Washington Drank," pointing out the influences which contributed to forming the genius of the first president. Dr. Durkee paid tribute to Washington's inheritance, his Christian home, his church and his Masonic lodge.

"Washington," said Professor Durkee, as a young man was "privileged to be received into an order whose principles are so sublimely impressed in such solemn and serious manner that those who enter come not back by the way they enter, they can never live on low levels as before, can never live except upholding freedom, upholding right and dethroning wrong."

Every teaching of Masonry, Dr. Brother Durkee explained is on the same high standard, exhorting to "liberty, truth and faith in God, faith in people, and showing forth everywhere there is brotherhood from north, south, east or west."

Brother Eli Swavely, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the celebration, who presided, pointed to the large part played by Masons in the establishment of the United States, explaining that all but three members of the Continental Congress which signed the Declaration of Independence and more than two-thirds of the members of the constitutional convention were Master Masons.

Most Worshipful Charles Cyrus Coombs, grand master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, welcomed the assemblage on behalf of the grand body and Masonic clubs, the invocation was pronounced by Rev. Bro. James Shera Montgomery, pastor of Calvary Methodist church and chaplain of the House, and the benediction by the Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer, pastor of Washington Heights Presbyterian church and grand chaplain for the district grand lodge.

The trowel, plumb, square and level used by Washington at the laying of the corner stone of the United States Capitol were presented to the audience by S. W. Pitts of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, of Alexandria, and the gavel used by Washington at the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol was presented by William J. Lovelless, junior warden of Potomac Lodge, No. 5 of Georgetown.

The committee in charge of the meeting consisted of Eli Swavely, chairman; Philip Herrmann, Lurtin R. Ginn, Ben W. Murch, W. W. Jermaine, Rev. Dr. John C. Palmer, William Musser, L. H. Troutman, George Roscoe Davis, Elmer E. Rogers, W. J. Dow, Capt. George E. Unmacht, C. J. Nichols, George D. Sullivan.

The reporters' tables were full and marked attention was paid the press. The writer was given literary honors as a representative of the Masonic press and was requested to send an account of the meeting to the "four corners of the earth." It was a most enjoyable event from several angles. The gathering was typical of a real New England Masonic celebration, in that it was well conducted. Harmony and true Masonry graced the hour. Several hundreds were unable to gain admittance for the want

of seating capacity. It is hoped that such meetings will take place in future years on the anniversary of George Washington's Masonic birthday in celebrated Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, in the "Old Dominion" state.

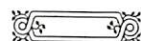
He spent the evening of his eventful life at his estate—Mount Vernon, with his lovely wife, and enjoyed many visitors.

How George Washington finally met his death is rare reading in American biography, and is borne out by vital records of rare import. He had caught a heavy cold while riding around Mt. Vernon on the evening of Dec. 12, 1799, and it developed into pneumonia, but the "medical men" did not know just what his trouble was. The "surgeons" agreed that the "Father of his Country" was a very sick man and they at once proceeded to bleed him "copiously." They next gave him calomel. Thrice did they bleed him and thrice did they give him calomel, but he grew worse. These strong arms of the old school of medicine, who were good bleeders, but poor doctors, then caused their patient to inhale the fumes of vinegar, while the "head surgeon" gave him six grains of tartar of emetic. In the meantime the "surgeon's

mate" poulticed his throat with bran and blistered his feet, and on the fourteenth day of the rough old warrior, December, General George, who had held the camp at Valley Forge, "gave up the ghost and died." The patriot had needed more blood instead of less to care for his wounds, but in spite of this, the "surgeon" made this report: "The powers of life seemed to yield to the disorder." Had there been chiropractors in those days the chances are that George Washington could have been saved from death at this time. On the eighteenth he was buried at Mt. Vernon. Only a small company of the lodge at Alexandria, Va., neighbors and friends, including the "surgeons" who had attended him, followed his remains to the grave just under the hill from his dwelling.

In these times thousands visit Mt. Vernon yearly, and look with patriotic eyes upon the last resting place of the greatest general of the war of the American Revolution.

The writer has several times visited old Mount Vernon on the banks of the picturesque Potomac. It is a sweet spot to linger in at any season of the year. May the time never come in our American life when the story of Washington will fall upon deaf ears.



ALLOCUTION

*Of Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, Leon Martin Abbott,
at the Supreme Council in Cleveland*

(Continued from last issue)

"I find that there is a considerable and growing demand for something of this sort in this jurisdiction. Perhaps it is worth while to consider whether material of this sort prepared by the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters might not be of service and advantage to the Rite generally."

I suggest the reference of this matter for the consideration of the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters.

In the report of the Illustrious Deputy for the State of New York he calls attention to a very serious embarrassment in the carrying out of the resolution relating to incorporation of the bodies of the Rite, which was adopted at the last session of this Supreme Council. He says in his report:

"The Supreme Council at its last meeting, adopted a resolution to the effect that no Masonic Body which confers or is authorized to

confer the degrees of any Rite of Masonry should be permitted to incorporate under the laws of the state in which it is located or under the laws of any other state, and that all bodies of the Rite which are now incorporated under the law of any state be required to take steps to dissolve their corporate existence and provide for the management of their property and finance in some other lawful way.

"I have instituted an inquiry among the bodies of the Rite in this state for the purpose of ascertaining whether any action was required of any of them because of this resolution. That investigation shows that in nine of the eighteen valleys where Scottish Rite Bodies exist, some form of corporation has been formed, the primary purpose of which is to hold the title to real estate, designed for a meeting place for the bodies of the Rite, and to be paid for, in part at least, from the funds of those bodies. In six valleys properties have been acquired, buildings erected and large obligations assumed, and in two others similar action is contemplated.

"I have been asked by the officers of the various bodies for an interpretation of this action of the Supreme Council, but have declined to give it, and have advised that all action be held in abeyance until the next meeting of the Supreme Council, when the situation can be clarified by its authoritative action. It is a matter of grave concern with the bodies of the Rite in this state that they may be permitted to go forward with the projects now under way or in contemplation, and not run counter to the will of the Supreme Council, either in letter or in spirit. Personally, I believe that the language of the resolution is unfortunate, in that it is unnecessarily obscure, and I feel that the attention of the Supreme Council should be called to this matter to the end that explicit directions may be given as to what method for the management of property and finances.

other than the corporate method, can be adopted which will meet the needs of the bodies, and yet will not be subject to the evils which this legislation was designed to correct."

As there are probably hundreds of Masonic bodies throughout the country holding their funds and real estate through incorporated trustees or through the incorporation of officers and members, it would seem to me that the resolution of last year should receive further consideration in the light of the information which we now have. I respectfully recommend that the whole matter be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration and report.

Bodies, Initiations and Membership by States

	14°			16°			18°			32°		
	No. of Bodies	Initiates	Member-ship	No. of Bodies	Initiates	Member-ship	No. of Bodies	Initiates	Member-ship	No. of Bodies	Initiates	Member-ship
Maine	6	577	4,467	6	522	4,162	5	541	4,038	1	532	3,877
New Hampshire	5	281	3,135	5	277	3,014	4	275	3,007	1	288	2,901
Vermont	8	252	2,166	4	244	1,690	3	233	1,589	1	200	1,395
Massachusetts	9	1,267	10,648	8	1,148	9,322	8	1,061	9,036	2	1,314	8,437
Rhode Island	2	240	1,694	1	231	1,588	1	228	1,585	1	228	1,584
Connecticut	5	302	3,555	5	293	3,502	5	293	3,495	2	290	3,451
New York	19	3,313	34,171	14	3,092	32,863	14	3,082	32,637	9	3,032	32,456
New Jersey	4	764	11,150	4	742	10,970	4	731	10,888	3	722	10,828
Pennsylvania	14	5,775	56,595	11	5,683	54,274	11	5,676	54,180	10	5,685	53,893
Delaware	1	88	1,698	1	87	1,651	1	87	1,644	1	90	1,644
Ohio	9	2,224	29,306	9	2,219	28,726	9	2,213	28,687	5	2,202	28,180
Michigan	4	1,066	18,211	4	1,034	17,589	4	1,027	17,511	4	1,028	17,346
Indiana	3	824	15,438	3	821	15,049	3	822	14,911	3	822	14,919
Illinois	8	2,470	33,566	8	2,430	32,767	8	2,425	32,726	8	2,423	32,666
Wisconsin	3	817	4,904	1	715	4,715	1	715	4,714	1	716	4,714
Totals	100	20,260	230,704	84	19,538	221,882	81	19,409	220,648	52	19,572	218,291

Schedule of Work Done for the Year 1922, as Compared with the Returns of Corresponding Table for 1921.

STATES	Initiates from July 1, 1920, to July 1, 1921.				Initiates from July 1, 1921, to July 1, 1922			
	14°	16°	18°	32°	14°	16°	18°	32°
Maine	972	928	881	857	577	522	541	532
New Hampshire	517	518	520	501	281	277	275	288
Vermont	409	332	316	289	252	244	233	200
Massachusetts	2,037	1,891	1,862	1,529	1,267	1,148	1,061	1,314
Rhode Island	185	212	212	215	240	231	228	228
Connecticut	361	357	352	350	302	293	293	290
New York	5,635	5,409	5,370	5,277	3,313	3,092	3,082	3,032
New Jersey	2,464	2,452	2,452	2,445	764	742	731	722
Pennsylvania	10,389	10,417	10,442	10,477	5,775	5,683	5,676	5,685
Delaware	181	162	162	156	88	87	87	90
Ohio	3,650	3,770	3,771	3,767	2,224	2,219	2,213	2,202
Michigan	1,869	1,903	1,908	1,933	1,066	1,034	1,027	1,028
Indiana	1,778	1,808	1,811	1,816	824	821	822	822
Illinois	5,103	5,173	5,171	5,206	2,470	2,430	2,425	2,423
Wisconsin	589	568	568	569	817	715	715	716
Total	36,139	35,900	35,798	35,387	20,260	19,538	19,409	19,572

Comparison of Initiates and Membership

Degree	Initiates 1921-1922		Membership 1921-1922	
Fourteenth	36,139	20,260	213,517	230,704
Sixteenth	35,900	19,538	205,262	221,882
Eighteenth	35,798	19,409	204,167	220,648
Thirty-Second	35,387	19,572	201,992	218,291

Amendment to the Charter of the Trustees to Hold Additional Property

At the last meeting of the Supreme Council a resolution was adopted authorizing and requesting the Trustees of the Supreme Council to petition the Legislature of Massachusetts to amend the Act incorporating the trustees so as to permit the corporation to hold additional property.

In obedience to this resolution and on behalf of the Supreme Council and the trustees, I filed a petition asking the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts in General Court assembled, to amend the Act incorporating the trustees so as to permit them to hold additional real and personal property to the extent of \$5,000,000. The limit of the amount which the trustees were previously authorized to hold under the charter was \$1,500,000.

After a hearing before the joint Legislative Committee, to whom the petition was referred, and at which I appeared on behalf of the Supreme Council and trustees, the Act of amendment which I had prepared was favorably reported by the committee and became a law upon its being approved and signed by the Governor on February 25, 1922.

That the Legislature of Massachusetts, without serious opposition, should favorably consider our request for permission to hold real and personal property in such increased amount must be a matter of congratulation to the members of our Supreme Council.

Visitations

In October, 1921, I attended the session of the Southern Supreme Council held in the city of Washington and was received with full Masonic honors. I spent several days in attendance at their sessions in company with Illustrious Brothers James Isaac Buchanan, 33rd degree, John Lloyd Thomas, 33rd degree, Robert A. Shirrefs, 33rd degree, Harry J. Guthrie, 33rd degree, and Samuel F. Hubbard, 33rd degree, of our supreme council.

We were given a warm fraternal greeting and welcome and every courtesy was extended to us during our entire stay. We had the honor and the privilege of visiting the White House with the officers and active members of the Southern Jurisdiction and of being received by the President and Mrs. Harding. We were also present at the placing of a wreath by Illustrious Brother Raoul V. Palmeri, 33rd degree, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Italy, in the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon.

At the election of officers, Illustrious Brother John H. Cowles, 33rd degree, was elected sovereign grand commander and he accorded to me the very high and happy privilege of installing him and the officers of the Southern Supreme Council into the offices to which they had been elected. I was assisted in the installation service by Illustrious Brother Shirrefs, who acted as grand marshal-general.

Our visit seemed to be greatly appreciated by our Southern Jurisdiction brethren who spared no efforts to make us happy. In this connection, I desire to express my gratitude for the kindness and courtesy which has always been shown me by the sovereign grand commander of the Southern Jurisdiction in all of our intimate relations during the past year, and I shall confidently hope and expect that our two supreme councils will constantly come into more intimate and happy relations.

On December 6, 1921, accompanied by Illustrious Brother Samuel F. Hubbard, 33rd degree, marshal of camp, I attended the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation held at Philadelphia.

We were given a most cordial and hearty welcome by the large number of brethren in attendance upon this meeting. We were formally received, and at the annual dinner I had the pleasure of addressing the brethren and of meeting each one of them personally. We also had the pleasure of meeting there Illustrious Brother Shirrefs, our grand secretary-general.

Illustrious Brother Donaldson, 33rd degree, deputy for Pennsylvania, announced his early retirement from the office of deputy because of impaired health. The warm and high regard in which Illustrious Brother Donaldson and the other active members of Pennsylvania are held by the brethren of that jurisdiction was always in evidence and proves the wisdom of this supreme council in its selection of representatives from the State of Pennsylvania.

The earnestness and enthusiasm of the Scottish Rite brethren from Pennsylvania has always excited my admiration and been a constant source of inspiration.

Illustrious Brother Raoul V. Palmeri's Visit to Boston

On October 28, 1921, I was greatly honored and pleased to receive a visit at Boston from M. P. Brother Raoul V. Palmeri, 33rd degree, the sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council of Italy, and Mrs. Palmeri, accompanied by Illustrious Brother Raoul Tolentino, 33rd degree, and Mrs. Tolentino, of Italy, and by Illustrious Brother Connery, 33rd degree, of the Southern Jurisdiction. M. P. Brother Palmeri, had attended the meeting of the Southern Supreme Council at Washington and was making a fraternal visit to this country.

In the afternoon of the day of their arrival we visited Massachusetts Consistory and witnessed the conferring of the 20th degree. In the evening I assumed the East in Massachusetts Consistory and formally received Illustrious Brothers Palmeri, Tolentino and Connery, with all the honors due their ranks. Illustrious Brother Palmeri made a most appreciative and interesting address. After the reception the 32nd degree was conferred in full form and in a manner which elicited great praise from our distinguished brethren. After the degree work, we dined with the officers and workers of the consistory. The ladies of the party were entertained at the theatre during the evening.

On the following day our brethren were received by the governor of the state, Illustrious Brother Channing H. Cox, 33rd degree, at the State House, and were taken on a sight-seeing trip about the city. In the afternoon they attended a football game at Cambridge.

In the evening the ladies were entertained

at dinner by Mrs. Abbott, and as sovereign grand commander, I gave a complimentary dinner at the Algonquin Club to Illustrious Brother Palmeri. This dinner was attended by the executive officers of the local Scottish Rite bodies and by Illustrious Brothers Holmes, Sweet, Africa, Hamilton, Pollard, Prince, Hubbard, Locke, Holton, Work and Montague of our Supreme Council.

Our Italian brethren made a very secure place for themselves in the hearts of the Scottish Rite brethren of Boston and we were reluctant to say good-bye to them as they left for Providence, after an all too short stay with us.

Conference of Northern, Southern and Canadian Supreme Councils

At the last annual meeting a resolution was adopted providing for a committee to arrange for a friendly and fraternal conference with the Southern Supreme Council and that of Canada for the discussion of matters of mutual interest and importance. The resolution provided that any agreement or arrangement arrived at, at a meeting of the committees of the three Supreme Councils, should be subject to the approval of their respective sovereign grand commanders.

The committee for the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions met at Chicago early in the year and decided upon a joint conference to be held at Chicago during the month of April. My first information as to the meeting of these committees was the report of their action regarding the conference. I felt obliged to withhold my approval of a conference as proposed by the joint committee. The time was so short before the sailing of our delegates to the international conference that it would not have been possible for me to have arranged for a meeting of our Supreme Council in April, and I do not think the results would have justified the holding of such a conference at that time. I felt that much had already been accomplished in bringing about a closer fraternal relationship with our brethren of the Southern Jurisdiction by the presence of so large a number of our active members at the meeting of their Supreme Council, held in Washington last October, and I further felt that if the delegates representing our respective Supreme Councils could go to Lausanne together that that would be of still further help in the de-

sired direction. Obviously, any conference between our three Supreme Councils would be much better able to accomplish more satisfactory results, if held after the international conference at Lausanne. In order to make such a conference, as has been suggested, worth-while and to justify the sacrifice of time and expense, a formal program must be prepared and subjects be assigned for discussion.

Our relations with the Supreme Council of Canada and that of the Southern Jurisdiction are at the present time exceedingly cordial and happy and I have every assurance that our close comradeship will continue to be a source of pride and strength to each jurisdiction.

Presentation of Testimonial to M. P. Brother Barton Smith

The committee, having in charge the procuring and presenting of a testimonial to M. P. Brother Barton Smith in accordance with the vote of the Supreme Council, have attended to their duty in a way which I am sure will meet with your approval. This committee will present their report at a later session during the week.

Charities

As the Supreme Council meets but once a year, the dispensing of money for individual charity in the Scottish Rite must necessarily be largely confined to the subordinate bodies. No reports are required nor made by the subordinate bodies to the Supreme Council of the amount of money that is expended, but it is certain that it is very large in the aggregate.

During the coming year I shall hope to make careful inquiry to ascertain just what is being done by the various bodies of the rite for charitable, educational and benevolent purposes. It may be of interest and perhaps of value to know whether all of our Scottish Rite bodies are recognizing and fulfilling their obligations, not only in the care of their own needy and distressed brethren, but in the broader demands for assistance.

This Supreme Council, so far as the form of its organization will permit, should take the lead and set an example that will inspire and encourage our bodies and members to exemplify in larger measure those tenets of our profession—brotherly love, relief and truth. No Masonic body can justify its

existence unless it gives a living and practical expression to the fundamental principles of the order. If I have understood the impulses of your heart, if I have read your hopes, your sturdy resolves aright, then, indeed, is this Supreme Council entering upon a larger sphere of usefulness and activity in charitable and educational work and in fraternal service that will greatly add to the sum total of human happiness. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Supreme Council War Relief Fund

In the year 1917 the Supreme Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of a special committee that a Supreme Council War Relief Fund be created and placed at the disposal of the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander for the purpose of giving relief, comfort and enjoyment to the soldiers and sailors of the World War at home and abroad. This fund was accordingly created by an appropriation of \$100,000, one-half of which came from the funds in the hands of the grand treasurer-general and the other half from funds in the hands of the trustees of the permanent fund. The sovereign grand commander was given full power, discretion and authority in carrying out the purposes for which the fund was established.

Although this war relief fund was provided five years ago, and the Supreme Council has annually continued the appropriation of \$100,000 since that time, no part of the fund has been expended up to last April. I have always felt that there must be those for whom this fund, or a substantial part of it, could be used within the purposes of the appropriation, and where it would bring a large measure of relief, comfort and enjoyment. Indeed, I have repeatedly said to myself, and perhaps to some members of the Supreme Council since coming into office, that if I could not find some way in which at least a part of this fund could be legitimately expended within the year I should feel greatly disappointed.

I have made and caused to be made numerous inquiries during the year through many different channels as to the existence of a real need of assistance which could be rendered by our Supreme Council. In most instances where any considerable number of World War members of our craft were gathered, every reasonable provision was being made for their relief, comfort and enjoyment

by national or state governments or by various charitable organizations.

Early in the present year, I learned that a United States government tuberculosis hospital, the largest in this country, had been established at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and that over two hundred of our Masonic brethren, representing nearly every state in the Union, were there under treatment and in various stages of tuberculosis. On the first of April there were about eleven hundred patients, all told, at this fort. It is planned by the government to greatly increase this number and to provide facilities for caring for six thousand disabled soldiers and sailors at this government camp.

A Masonic club, known as the Sojourners Club, has been organized at Fort Bayard and is doing a splendid work, but their measures of relief have been much limited by the narrow extent of their finances. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico and other Masonic bodies have been and are contributing to the relief of our brethren at the fort through the Sojourner's Club which keeps a full and complete record of the administration of all relief funds and of the receipt and payment of all moneys.

A suitable club house where the brethren at Fort Bayard could meet under Masonic auspices was earnestly desired and greatly needed in order to facilitate the work there. The Sojourner's Club was organized on a business-like basis and had already secured plans for a building to cost \$25,000. It was hoped that in some way and at some time the money could be obtained with which to erect the building. The needs for individual relief were of such a nature as to exhaust the contributions to and through the club so that a building became almost a vague dream of the future.

The Knights of Columbus have provided and are maintaining a well appointed club house at this fort.

I have met and been in constant communication with the present grand master of New Mexico, N. W. Bro. Dills, and several past grand masters of that jurisdiction who are deeply interested in furnishing assistance to our unfortunate brethren at Fort Bayard. At my request, Ill. Bro. Richard H. Hanna, 33rd degree, a member of the Southern Supreme Council, a past grand master of New Mexico, and a former judge of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, consented to act as my

personal representative and to make full and complete investigation and report to me as to the local conditions at Fort Bayard. Ill. Bro. Hanna furnished me with a very full report of the conditions there.

I became thoroughly convinced that in providing suitable Masonic quarters for our sick and disabled World War brethren at Fort Bayard we would be doing much to add to their comfort and enjoyment and that a portion of our war relief fund could be legitimately and properly spent for such purpose. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico very generously and promptly agreed to receive such money as might be donated by our Supreme Council for a Masonic club house and to see that the money was properly and wisely expended for the purposes for which it was given. The Grand Lodge of New Mexico also gave assurance through its grand master that sufficient funds would be forthcoming for the proper furnishings and maintenance of a club house if it was erected.

Being advised by the government authorities of the necessary permission for the erection of a Masonic club house, on April 14, 1922, I wired Ill. Bro. Hanna that our Supreme Council would donate \$25,000 to cover the entire cost of erecting a Masonic club house at Fort Bayard. On April 18, 1922, shortly before going to the international conference at Lausanne, I sent to Ill. Bro. Hanna a draft for the entire amount, payable to the order of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and a letter of which the following is a copy:

"Hon. Richard H. Hanna,

"Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Illustrious and dear Bro. Hanna:

"I am in receipt of your good letter of the 12th, enclosing a letter from Brother Dills, Grand Master of New Mexico, under date of 10 April. I am thoroughly appreciative of the prompt and generous response which you and the brethren of New Mexico have made to my numerous requests for information.

"I am thoroughly convinced that the providing of a club house building for the Masons at Fort Bayard is a most worthy Masonic object. We cannot do too much to help our brethren whose health has been impaired and whose lives have been risked in the service of their Country. Whatever of comfort and joy we can give them in the name of Masonry will help to speed the day of their recovery of health.

"It gives me great pleasure, in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Council, 33° for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, to donate the sum of \$25,000 to cover

the entire cost of the proposed Masonic club building at Fort Bayard. I am sending you herewith a draft for \$25,000 on the State Bank of Chicago, Ill., made payable to the order of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. The donation is made upon the assurance of The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of New Mexico, through its Grand Master, that the money will be judiciously expended for the purpose for which it is given.

"When the opportunity is offered, will you not express to the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, my heartfelt thanks and those of the officers and members of our Supreme Council for their kindly and fraternal assistance in making this donation possible? Will you not also say to our brethren at Fort Bayard, for whose benefit this donation is made, that it is simply an expression of a world of affectionate and brotherly interest which goes out to them from the 2,000,000 members in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite?

"We shall continue to take a sympathetic and solicitous interest in their welfare and shall hope and pray for their recovery of health. May this little gift help to inspire in us all a larger expression of those truly Masonic virtues of brotherly love, relief, and truth. I shall hope that at some time I may have the privilege and pleasure of visiting Fort Bayard and personally meeting our brethren there.

"Yours fraternally,

"Leon M. Abbott,
Sovereign Grand Commander."

The receipt of the donation was duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. On May 1, I received the following telegram from Past Grand Master Francis E. Lester, Chairman of the Committee on Fort Bayard relief:

"Your letter twenty-sixth just received. You can little imagine the enthusiasm with which word was received by the Fort Bayard boys of your liberal decision. It has inspired and encouraged this unselfish band of workers as nothing else so far has done and on their behalf, may I express to you their deep and sincere gratification. They immediately proceeded to conclude details of plans for the new club house and the work is proceeding rapidly. Your action has inspired the heart of Masonry in New Mexico to greater efforts for true relief.

Under date of 1 June, 1922, I received a letter from a committee on behalf of the Sojourner's Club of which the following is a copy:

Mr. Leon M. Abbott, 33°,
Sovereign Grand Commander,
Supreme Council, 33°, A. A. Scottish Rite,
Northern Jurisdiction,
Boston, Mass.

Most Worthy Sovereign Commander:
The members of the Sojourner's Club of

Fort Bayard, New Mexico, desire to express to you their deep appreciation of the most generous assistance which has been rendered them by the Northern Jurisdiction A. A. Scottish Rite in providing the necessary funds to erect a club building for use in the promotion of welfare work among the patients of this hospital, among whom are two hundred and five Masons representing thirty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, as well as many sons and daughters of Masons who are not themselves members of the Order.

"Isolated as we are from any center of social or commercial activity, as well as the great distance most of us are from our homes, an institution such as this fund will provide will be of inestimable value in contributing to the welfare and happiness of the entire personnel of this hospital. It is impossible to express in words the deep gratitude which the Sojourner's Club feels toward your Masonic Body for this evidence of their interest in and devotion to the cause of Masonry among those who sacrificed their health upon the altar of their Country's need.

"Fraternally yours,

"The Sojourner's Club,

"(Signed) GEORGE M. ADAMS,

"C. A. COUPLIN,

"G. C. EMERY,

"Committee."

Letters and messages containing expressions of gratitude from and on behalf of those who are directly benefited by this gift, in hearty approval and appreciation of the fraternal kindness and generosity of our Supreme Council, have been received from all sections of the country.

Past Grand Master Lester of New Mexico says in a recent letter that the liberal action of this Supreme Council has inspired not only a deep sense of gratitude but has furnished a great incentive to the little band of Masons at Fort Bayard to carry on their Masonic work and that "They feel now that not only the New Mexico Grand Lodge, but Masonry elsewhere is behind them in their work. . . ." He concludes his letter by saying that "It is safe to say that your action is the one biggest thing for direct relief along Masonic lines, and in the spirit of true Masonry, that has ever blessed this grand jurisdiction of New Mexico."

The building is well under way and will soon be ready for occupancy. It is located on one of the most commanding and conspicuous knolls at the Fort-Sanatorium, and will attract the first attention of all visitors.

Illustrious Brethren, I hope and believe that you will unqualifiedly approve of the gift of this Masonic building and of my

exercise of the discretion and authority which you vested in the Sovereign Grand Commander by the resolution of 1917.

Scholarships

At the last annual meeting of the Supreme Council the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated "from the income of the permanent fund for the year 1921, to be expended under the direction of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Grand Treasurer-General, and the Chairman of the Committee on Finance for such purposes of charity or relief as they may approve."

On 22 December, 1921, I sent a letter to all members of the Supreme Council telling them of the plan of this committee to establish fifteen scholarships, one for each state in our jurisdiction, providing for a deserving son or daughter of a Master Mason a four years' college course of education. In this letter the opinions and advice of the members of the Supreme Council were solicited. This request met with an instant response and the scholarship project was given the most enthusiastic approval. Among the hundreds of letters which I received it is literally true that not more than five or six failed to give the plan unqualified approval. I wish that time would permit me to read excerpts from some of these letters. The emphatic and unanimous approval of the decision of your committee as to the use of the money provided by this appropriation was beyond our expectations and encouraged us in going ahead to make necessary plans to carry out the project.

On 25 April, 1922, I appointed Ill. Bros. Frederick W. Hamilton, 33°, Edgar F. Smith, 33°, and Frederic B. Stevens, 33°, as a Special Advisory Committee to consider the scholarship plan and to work out the details under which it should operate. This Committee has given very careful consideration to the subject and has submitted the following report:

"Office of the Deputy for Massachusetts
Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.

"Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1922.

"Leon M. Abbott, 33°,

"Sovereign Grand Commander.

"Most Puissant and very dear Brother:

"The committee whose suggestions you were so good as to invite with regard to the administration of a plan for the development of a system of Supreme Council scholarships has given the matter careful consideration and begs leave to submit the following report.

"The nature of the work contemplated and

the conditions under which it must be done would seem to require centralized control and at the same time involves too much detail to be imposed on the M. P. Grand Commander. We would, therefore, recommend that the M. P. Grand Commander appoint annually for the next four years a Scholarship Committee of three to have charge of the matter. Some provision should be made for the necessary expenses of the committee, such as a meeting which would probably be necessary in July of each year, printing, postage, office supplies for the Chairman and the like.

"We recommend the following plan for the establishment and awarding of the scholarships:

Scholarships

"One scholarship will be awarded for each state in the Northern Jurisdiction. The recipient may choose his own college or technical school, provided it is an institution of full college grade and is approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Amount of Scholarships

"For the first year the regular college charges, including cost of books and apparatus required in the courses taken, plus the amount estimated by the college authorities as sufficient for decent living.

"For the second year, the college charges plus two thirds the living allowance above named.

"For the third and fourth years the college charges plus one-half the living allowance above named.

"(This is based on the idea that the student goes to college without means and in the freshman year should pay close attention to his studies. After that he may be expected to earn at least a part of his subsistence by work in the summer vacations and spare time.)

Eligibility

"Candidates must be sons or daughters of Master Masons, preferably members of the Scottish Rite. Such parent must be in standing at the time of application, or, if not living must have been in good standing at death.

"They must be of good moral character and good scholarship.

"They must be unable to obtain a collegiate education without such assistance.

Method of Award

"Application blanks may be obtained by application to the Scholarship Committee. This preliminary application should give the first and second choice of colleges which the applicant desires to attend in order that this choice may be approved by the committee at this stage.

"On or before July 1 the applicant should file with the committee:

"An application fully made out in the form provided, accompanied by such information as the committee may require.

"A certificate of admission to the desired college free of all conditions.

"A catalogue of the college or university.

Payments

"The college bills should be sent directly to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee to be approved by him, before taking the usual course for payment.

"The subsistence allowance will be paid to the recipient in ten monthly payments, beginning on the first day of the month in which the college year opens.

Continuance

"As soon as possible after the close of each academic year the holder of the scholarship must file with the Scholarship Committee an application for continuance accompanied by such information as the committee may require. Blanks for such application and report will be furnished each scholarship holder by the committee in ample time.

"The Scholarship Committee should make its awards as soon as possible after August 1. The time between July 1 and August 1 should be used in verifying statements, consulting references, and otherwise endeavoring to collect material for a sound basis of judgment in making awards. This is especially important because other things than scholarships should be considered, otherwise a competitive examination would be all that would be necessary.

"The cooperation of the Ill. Deputies and the Actives and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council will be of the greatest value in securing this information. The Scholarship Committee must depend largely for the success of its work on this cooperation.

"It is our opinion that these scholarships should be benefactions. Suggestions that they should be loans have been carefully considered, but not accepted. It would appear that the splendid generosity of purpose of the Supreme Council can best be realized by a benefaction which shall not leave the recipient burdened in his early years by a heavy load of debt.

"At the same time the beneficiary should feel a sense of responsibility. This benefaction is not cold and impersonal charity. The father's Masonic Brethren are doing for the child what the father would himself do if he were living and able. The beneficiary should feel the same responsibility as to a parent. He should feel in honor bound to do his best work in college, to maintain a high standard of conduct, and to continue to the end of his course unless he has some reason for giving it up which he can in all good conscience lay before the committee. He should feel also that if or when prosperity comes to him he should remember the helping hand extended to him and pass the help along by giving such an amount as he can spare to the scholarship funds of the Supreme Council. Such payments should be used for the purposes of the Scholarship Committee, but in addition to any appropriations which may be made by the Supreme Council.

"It is highly desirable that wherever possible a "big brother" relation be established be-

tween each holder of a scholarship and some Active or Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. Such a relationship would go far to secure the best results from the benefaction.

"We submit herewith, a form for application. The information to be gathered will cover such points as character, personality, intelligence, physical condition, and mental development.

"Respectfully submitted,

"(Signed) FREDERICK W. HAMILTON,

"(Signed) EDGAR F. SMITH,

"(Signed) FREDERIC B. STEVENS."

Application Blank

In consideration of the facts set forth in the following application and accompanying certificates, I hereby apply for the Supreme Council Scholarship for the State of.....

1. Name in full.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Father's name in full.
4. Names of Lodge and other Masonic Bodies of which he is or, if dead, was a member.
5. Mother's maiden name in full.
6. Is either parent dead? If yes, which?
7. Parent's occupation.
8. Number and ages of brothers and sisters.
9. Are any of these able to help pay your college expenses? If yes, which one and to what extent?
10. Are any of them attending boarding school, college, or professional school? If yes, how are their expenses being paid?
11. Family income, and from what sources derived?
12. How much money can you count on during your first year in college?
13. From what sources do you expect it?
14. What offices have you held in your preparatory school?
15. What occupation have you in view after graduation?
16. Give the names and addresses of the presiding officers of the several Masonic Bodies of which your father is or was at death a member.
17. Give the names of three persons, if possible Master Masons, who know most about you and your family.
18. Name of preparatory school from which you were graduated and name and address of the principal.

This application will be accompanied by certificates on forms provided for the purpose from a parent or guardian that the applicant is without means or resources and by a physician that he is physically fit.

In order that these scholarships may be made available for the college year beginning in 1923, I invite your further earnest consideration of the plan with the hope that you will continue the appropriation, no part

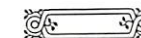
of which has yet been expended, and will provide a Scholarship Committee with full powers to carry out the general plan as outlined to you. It is obvious that such a committee must be given large discretionary powers in order to insure the success of this new undertaking.

International Conference

An account of this event has already been printed in the NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN, so it is omitted here.

Finale

Illustrious brethren, in these days when the hydra-headed forces of evil would destroy the foundation of constitutional government and liberty under the law, when every virtue dear to the heart and soul of our fellowship is the subject of assault, there comes to each one of us the clarion call to a stronger faith in God that Masonry may go forward to the fulfillment of high hopes and the faithful performance of sacred duties.



IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOLY LAND

By Oliver Roberts

The death of Worshipful Brother Roberts, which occurred this month, and who for so many years was in charge of the great Masonic library at Masonic Temple, Boston, gives peculiar appropriateness to the following story of this distinguished brother's travels so many years ago. Present conditions in that disturbed portion of the world also lend added interest to the views of one himself a deep student of Masonic lore, who was also a keen observer, as the story which follows attests. [Ed.]

More than forty years ago, in 1881 to be exact, Wor. Bro. Oliver Roberts visited the Holy Land and recorded in the form of a lecture, his impressions. In view of the keen interest in that part of the world from whence so much of the inspiration of Christianity has sprung, and its vital place in the affairs of today, we believe this lecture will be appreciated by our readers, and we give it herewith.—Ed.

MASONIC LECTURE (written Dec. 1881)

Introduction

Operative Masonry—born at the dawn of time, was concerned with the construction of material edifices, by means of stone and marble. Speculative Masonry—born in the 17th century—now strong in the vigor of youth—is concerned with the erection of a spiritual temple by means of symbolic instruction. Speculative Masonry spiritualizes operative Masonry. "The latter is an art, the former a science." One teaches how to draft the plans to cut the marble; fashion the timber, erect the walls; adorn and complete the material edifice; the other, speculative Masonry, symbolizes these, teaching men to draft character divinely, regulating their

lives by the plumbline of justice, squaring their actions by the square of virtue; cultivating brotherly love, relief and truth, learning from the square, morality; from the level, equality; from the plumb-line, rectitude of life.

The clearing away of rubbish, the laying of deep, strong foundations, the up-building of true and perfect walls, the work of adornment and the dedication of the temple—all these are symbolized—and lessons of gratitude to the great and beneficent author of our existence; lessons of industry; of justice which will sooner or later overtake us; lessons of life and death are derived therefrom and enforced.

This founding and furnishing a spiritual temple has two results; first, one has the consolation "of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life;" secondly, "when dissolution draws nigh and the cold winds of death come sighing around us, man may with joy, hear and obey the summons of Heaven's King—and pass from the labors of earth to the refreshment and peace of Heaven.

Operative Masonry represented by societies of builders in Egypt, Syria, Greece, Rome, and Western Europe, has its history. Speculative Masonry is not strictly a continuation of these but a successor. The history of temple building, notably the history of Solomon's temple, from the time of its inception by David until its destruction by the Chaldeans—is interwoven with the philosophical teachings of Masonry, producing a ritual of unceasing interest.

Our purpose is to deal with the historic

past or it is to speak of some places and things which historically considered are conspicuous in the Masonic ritual.

How do certain places—hills, caves, sites, immortalized in the Bible and in our service appear today?

What would be the impressions of one of the fraternity if he stood, this night, where craftsmen toiled and the King spread forth his hands; or where the Lion of the Tribe of Judah lay and the valiant Knights of the Crusades fought.

To answer these is my purpose.

JOPPA

We landed at Joppa. I marked well the strong hand by which I was pulled from the boat up the pier. It was a brother's hand—the first taken on arrival; the last shaken on our departure. Though our ears and eyes were constantly busy in that strange town and our mind constantly dwelling upon the history and traditions of the place—as, the legend of Andromeda, the stories of Jonah, Peter, Simon the tanner and of the almsgiving Dorcas, we did not fail to remember, that Hiram, King of Tyre, sent the cedar and pine wood for the building of the temple to this very shore, for the words of his contract with Solomon were: "We will cut wood out of Lebanon as much as thou shalt need and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa, and will cause them to be discharged there and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem," II Chron. ii-16. The cedar trees for the rebuilding of the temple under Zerubabel were also brought "from Lebanon by way of the sea to Joppa," Ezra iii-7.

The town itself stands upon a bold bluff. Just to the north of the town, the bank seaward is very high and steep, suggesting the difficulty which the workmen must have encountered in dragging the timbers up to the plain.

This was also the landing place for pilgrims and Crusaders. Hence, over a direct highway to Jerusalem—across the plain of Sharon and up the hills of Judah, the timber for the temples was transported and the swarming millions pushed onward to rescue the holy sepulchre. Prophets and apostles rode across this flowery plain which has been sung in the poetry of sorrow and joy.

RAMLEH

Four and a half hours inland, we arrive at Ramleh. This place is on the route from

Joppa to Jerusalem, running east and west; and in ancient times the great caravan route from Damascus to Egypt, running north and south, passed through the town. Doubtless Joseph halted at this very place on his way to Egypt.

It was also a halting place of the Crusaders, and in 1797 was the headquarters of Napoleon I. in Palestine.

The Crusaders left evidences of their toil and skill in erecting a great caravanserai. Some cloisters remain and the vast cisterns in the centre are in good condition. One is 150 feet long, forty feet wide, and twenty-five feet deep. The roof is sustained by a row of nine square columns. In one corner are the remains of a Crusader's church. The outer walls have fallen but the tower remains. It is about 100 feet high. The summit is reached by a winding flight of 126 steps. It is 25 feet square and diminishes by graceful offsets dividing it into different stories. Standing upon the top of this tower, one obtains a magnificent view. The whole plain of Sharon from Carmel, the Mount, to Philistia, the desert, and from Judah to the sea lies around you "like an illuminated map." Unspeakable the pleasure to paint in imagination, having this view before you, the toiling craftsmen in long procession dragging templeward the forests of Lebanon, and the jaded, hungering, well-armed Crusaders as they swarmed over the plain and passed from sight beyond Judah's peaks.

JERUSALEM

It was a happy moment, when, having reached the summit of Scopus, our eyes for the first time fell upon "the Prince of cities."

It was happiness to tread its narrow, ill-paved streets, to stand in its Holy places, too seek its dark caverns; to walk in Gethsemane and reverently bow in the sepulchre, because here, in the flesh our Saviour walked and worked and because Masonry claims Jerusalem as one of its starting points if not its birthplace. Here Solomon, King of Israel and Hiram, King of Tyre and the widow's son commenced and completed the house of the Lord; here Hospitallers dispensed charity to poor and needy pilgrims, and Knights Templar laid down their lives in defence of the Christian religion.

They were Dionysian architects—a society then venerable with years, whom Hiram brought from Tyre "to help, aid and assist

in building the house of the Lord." In this building fraternity the Israelite co-laborers became master builders, as into the fraternities of travelling builders of the middle ages workmen of every nation were admitted. Hence we recognize the great architectural achievements of these societies, between 750 B. C. and 1700 A. D., in so many different nations and cities, as the temples and churches of the empire and city of Rome, the temple of Balbec, the coliseum, triumphal arches, the cathedrals of Europe as Strasburg, Cologne, Paris, Rouen, Genoa, Venice, etc., St. Pauls and Westminster in London, with York and Dublin Cathedrals, and other renowned structures of ancient and modern times.

When operative Masonry found no field for its toil, about 1700 A. D., speculative or philosophical Masonry took its place. Operative Masonry worked westward with the star of empire during more than 2000 years; speculative Masonry has worked eastward during less than 200 years and erected its altars in every clime and land of the globe.

As one of the links in this long chain, Jerusalem, its temple, churches, walls, caverns, cisterns and history become full of interest to every studious Mason. Hence are obtained those historic lessons upon which the historic part of the ritual is founded; hence under the figure of temple building is derived the lesson of character-building, preparing ourselves as lively stones for a place "in that building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Upon the history of Jerusalem; upon events of the 12th and 13th centuries; upon the marching of thousands led on by nobles and kings from European centres; upon the unequal conflicts of Moslem and Christian; upon the earnest desire to rescue Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of infidels, the higher and distinctive Christian degrees are founded. These facts combined make the city of Jerusalem, "though trampled in the dust," and ruled by a hostile power, of unspeakable interest.

Let us walk 'mid the memorials of ages long since passed and recognize the catchwords of our ritual and service.

SACRED AREA

In the southeastern part of the city there is a space about 1500 feet by 1000 feet, containing 35 acres. The northern half is un-

even, natural, with grassy knolls, here and there; pieces of columns are scattered about; olive and cypress trees alone relieve its desolation. The southern half is noticeable by a marble platform 500x450 feet, 15 feet above the ground, reached by flights of marble steps. Upon this platform are several small domes supported by slender pillars, and of greatest interest, upon it stands the Mosque of Omar. It occupies the site of that temple designed by King David and executed by Solomon, rebuilt and restored by Jerubabel and Herod. King David was the first who planned the erection of a permanent sanctuary for the worship of the Lord God of Israel. The warrior monarch was commanded to leave its execution to his more peaceful son and successor. David however collected materials and made preparations for the work. Four years after his death in 1011 B. C., the foundation was laid by Solomon and in seven and a half years, it was completed.

The site selected by divine direction was the summit of Mt. Moriah, on the spot where Ornan Jebusite had his threshing floor. Over this spot, which is opposite to Mt. Zion where King David lived—a valley intervening—the angel of the Lord was seen to stand at a time when Jerusalem was threatened with destruction and there David was commanded to offer sacrifice, that the plague might be stayed, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for 50 shekels of silver, "but he gave 600 shekels of gold for the entire place" most probably including the whole hill of Moriah. He then built an altar unto the Lord, offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and called upon the name of the Lord. Thus was the site consecrated. Upon this identical spot—the bare summit of Mt. Moriah, where Abraham offered up Isaac; where Ornan had his threshing floor; where the angel appeared with a drawn sword in his hand; where David interceded for the plague-stricken people—the Jewish temple—the glory of Israel was erected by King Solomon.

What a place for imagination's fancy. "See the trains of men and beasts coming in daily from all quarters, on every road—from the mines and the forests, from the mountains and the plains, from the distant 'lodges' of the workmen, from the busy marts and havens of the sea—and bringing their quota to be laid in its place in that splendid pile."

See the colored marbles of the temple glistening in the sunlight; see its porches rise grandly on either side; see the smoke of sacrifice darken the sky. With no ordinary emotion, the thoughtful mind remembers—Hither the tribes came up: here shone the light of the Shekinah; here for ages was the social, civil and religious centre for God's people. Disaster and defeat bring their dark colors—glory after glory vanishes until Roman and Moslem desolate and destroy. One thinks of Jews—in every land oppressed and burdened, turning toward this sacred site, while from beyond the wall he hears the cries of Jews, praying for the restoration of the Holy Place.

Above all, the Christian thinks of the little child presented here by its mother; he thinks of the boy in the temple confusing the doctors by his wisdom; he thinks of the man—Christ Jesus—in this very place cleansing the temple and “teaching and preaching” on Moriah's brow “the things concerning himself.”

Entering a wooden gateway in the northwest corner, we follow the welltrodden path to a marble stairway leading to the platform. We approach the Mosque of Omar. It is an octagonal building—each side 68 feet long, entirely covered outside with richly colored porcelain tiles and mosaic. It has four gates facing the cardinal point of the compass. Tradition says that when Caliph Omar captured Jerusalem, his first inquiry was for the site of the Jewish temple. He was conducted to this spot and here built the mosque which bears his name.

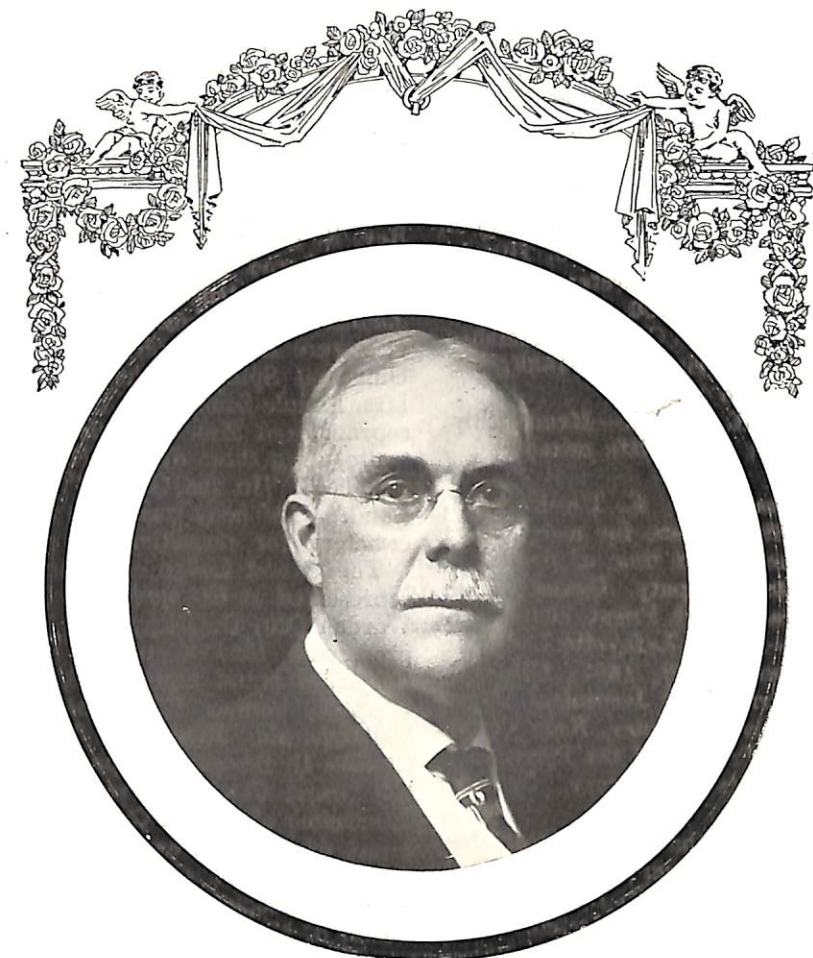
Leaving our shoes under the dome of David, we enter the mosque. The interior is gloomy. The dome which is 66 feet in diameter is supported by four great piers and 12 corinthian columns. One of these columns—utilized from a previous temple, is bottom end up. The pavement is marble mosaic, the walls are covered with tiles and the 56 windows are of stained glass. Everything without, within, pales before the sukhrah or sacred rock, the threshing floor of Ornan, immediately beneath the dome. It is a natural, bare, unhewn piece of rock, the

very summit of Mt. Moriah, 60 feet long, and 45 feet wide. It is 4 feet 9½ in. above the marble pavement at its highest point and one foot at its lowest.

(It has a dip of 12 degrees in a direction of 85 degrees east of north. A hundred legends Jewish, Muslim and Christian centre here. Here according to the Jews, Melchizedek offered sacrifice and the ark of the covenant stood. Here during the rule of the crusading kings, a chapter of Knights Templar convened, erected a choir in the very building and covered the rock with slabs of white marble.

A circular hole, perhaps 2½ feet in diameter, may be observed at the lowest surface point of the rock. At the southeast corner, we descend by 11 stone steps and find ourselves in the cave of the rock—said by Muslim to be the praying place of Abraham, David and Solomon. The cave is about 12 feet square and seven feet high. The sides are covered with plaster and whitewash. In the centre of the roof we notice the cylindrical aperture and beneath it we observe a small slab of marble, covering a deep cavity, to which the sheik gave the name “Well of the Spirits.” A traveller who visited Jerusalem 1550 years ago said: “These are immense subterranean reservoirs of water, constructed with much labor and in the very site where the temple stood which Solomon built, are two statues. Not far from these is a pierced rock, to which the Jews come every year and anoint it with oil, wailing and rending their garments.” Hence we learn that the site of the temple was known in the 4th century and the mention of the pierced rock enables us at once to identify the place. We learn from the Middoth (a tract of the Mishna which treats of the temple, cap. iii-3) that at the southeast horn of the great altar was a spot in the pavement where a ring was fixed in a slab, beneath which was an opening to a cave for the purpose of cleansing the drain around the altar and receiving the blood.” Also the Middoth states that there is an opening through which the blood of the victims flowed southward into the king's garden at Siloam.

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WARREN BARTLETT ELLIS

Born October 22, 1838

Died December 8, 1922

Freemasonry in Massachusetts suffers a distinct loss by the death of Past Grand High Priest Warren B. Ellis, at his home, 98 Thorndike street, Brookline, December 8. No man in the fraternity was more esteemed than Bro. Ellis, whose genial disposition won him a high place in the affections not only of the Craft, but of other circles as well.

He was twice married. He leaves a wife, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was the father of the late Walter B. Ellis of Boston and Scituate, who was also prominent in Masonry.

He was born in Bourne, Oct. 22, 1838, and there made the most of the limited educational advantages afforded by the district school. When in his 17th year he found employment in Boston with a surveyor. Following an experience with the rod and chain

of nearly nine months, he returned home and to school.

In the spring of 1856 he again came to Boston, where he engaged in mercantile business in various positions. For nearly 20 years he was the selling agent of a New York importing house. Later he became manager of the Franklin Educational Company, importer and manufacturer of scientific instruments.

He was the founder, in 1905, of the NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN and its editor and publisher until 1917, when the control and business direction passed to Alfred H. Moorhouse, the present publisher and editor.

Became a Mason in 1865

In Masonry Bro. Ellis won high rank and fame. He was especially interested in the

history of the craft, and was counted an authority on the history of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts. He was long a contributor to Masonic publications, and on several occasions was the orator at Masonic anniversary and other gatherings.

The record of his Masonic career is as follows:

Mt. Lebanon Lodge—Member, May 8, 1865; Worshipful Master, 1875-6, District Deputy Grand Master; Secretary, December, 1878 - December, 1920.

St. Andrews R. A. Chapter—Member, June 5, 1867; High Priest, 1887-1888; Secretary, May, 1891 to 1922.

Boston Council, R. & S. M.—Membership, January 30, 1868; was a life member, but never held office.

Boston Commandery, K. T.—Knighthood January 16, 1889; Prelate for many years and Prelate Emeritus at time of death.

Grand Chapter—Deputy Grand High Priest, 1895; Grand High Priest, 1899-1901.

Scottish Rite—Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection, September 26, 1887; Giles F. Yates Council, Princes of Jerusalem, April 13, 1888; Mt. Olivet Chapter, Rose Croix, April 20, 1888, a Trustee of the Permanent Fund; Massachusetts Consistory, October 26, 1888.

Order of High Priesthood—Admitted December 7, 1886; Treasurer-Secretary, December 9, 1890; President, December 8, 1891; declined re-election and elected President Emeritus March 7, 1922.

Grand High Priest Three Terms

Of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Massachusetts he was District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1893 and 1894; Deputy Grand High Priest in 1895 and Grand High Priest for 1899, 1900 and 1901. In December of the last named year, after serving three most successful terms, he was succeeded by Samuel H. Hubbard of Boston.

That M. E. Companion Ellis was a student of Capitular Masonry is evidenced by the fact that he prepared and delivered the historical address at the 125th anniversary

of St. Andrew's R. A. Chapter, Sept. 5, 1894, and performed a like service for the Grand Chapter, Oct. 24, 1899. He also made the historical address at the 100th anniversary of his lodge, Mt. Lebanon.

Many prominent Masons, representing a large number of Masonic bodies, were present at funeral services held Monday, Dec. 11, at high noon. Services were conducted by Rev. R. Perry Bush, D. D., grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who pronounced a tribute on Bro. Ellis' sterling qualities as a Mason. Assisting in the service were Rev. Frederick Nicholson of the Universal Spiritual Church of Boston and Mrs. Minnie Soule. Mrs. Eleanor Fox Allen, soprano, and Mrs. Frederick W. Cook, contralto, sang three duets, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "In the Garden" and "Morning Land." The body was taken to Forest Hills cemetery for cremation.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was represented at the service by Junior Grand Warden Olin D. Dickerman. Among other prominent Masons present were: Curtis Chipman, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter; Samuel F. Hubbard, J. J. Van Valkenburgh, Frederick T. Comee and Charles D. Burrage, all past high priests of the Grand Chapter; Frederick H. Briggs, commander of Boston Commandery and high priest of St. Andrew Chapter; Walter B. Tripp, president of the First Worshipful Masters Association and secretary and past master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge; Eugene Holton, Frederick Graves, Augustus Ridgeway, Charles E. Phipps, Joseph T. Paul, Charles B. Watts and Charles E. Lawrence, all past high priests of St. Andrew Chapter; George F. Wright, vice president of the First Worshipful Masters Association and past master of Revere Lodge; Leonard B. Nichols, past master of Joseph Warren Lodge of Boston; Nathan B. Basch, past master of Germania Lodge; Edward F. Jacobs, tyler of many of the Masonic bodies which have headquarters at Masonic Temple; Joseph Work, 33°, Harry D. Delano, past master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, and Alfred H. Moorhouse, editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

JUST AMONG OURSELVES

FREEMASONRY IN ANDOVER ROUNDS OUT A CENTURY

St. Matthew's Lodge Conducts a Three Days' Observance

The centenary of the institution of St. Matthew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Andover, Mass., the oldest Masonic lodge in that section, was observed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 10, 11 and 12. Most Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, grand master; Right Worshipful Dudley H. Ferrell, deputy grand master, and other officers of the Grand Lodge, including Right Worshipful Charles A. Stone of Lawrence, deputy of the 11th Masonic District, were guests at the anniversary celebration in Masonic Hall on Monday night.

Sunday the lodge attended divine services in the Free Christian Church at 10.30. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock, pastor and a member of the craft. There was special music by the choir, directed by Edwin C. Booth, organist and choirmaster.

Monday night at the anniversary meeting addresses were delivered by the grand master, deputy grand master and others, including Thos. David, master at the 75th anniversary proceedings. The historical sketch, prepared by Past Master George M. R. Holmes, was delivered by William Odlin.

The banquet Tuesday night in Town Hall for members and their wives attracted 500. There was a program, with dancing.

Worshipful Master Roy H. Bradford was chairman of the celebration and was assisted by Past Masters William A. Allen, Henry A. Bodwell, George M. R. Holmes and Albert W. Lowe, and Senior Warden Alexander Morrison.

St. Matthew's Lodge was instituted in the North Parish Dec. 11, 1822, and is the only one in the district organized before anti-Masonic days, which did not surrender its charter. In the records of the first communication is the information: "The lodge met for the first time Jan. 25, 1823, at widow Mary Parker's, North Andover. Signed, Daniel Wardwell, secretary."

The lodge continued to assemble in the North Parish until 1826, when it was moved to the South Parish, or Andover proper. The first officers were David Rice, worshipful master, John Brown, senior warden; Merrill Pettingill, junior warden; Peter French, treasurer; Daniel Wardwell, secretary; James Shedd, chaplain; Thomas Spofford, marshal; George Wardwell, senior deacon; John Smith, Jr., junior deacon; Joseph Greenleaf, senior steward; James Roberts, junior steward; James Parkinson, tyler.

There have been 38 masters, of whom 19 are living. They are Joseph R. Parlin, Right Worshipful Albert S. Manning, George W. Chandler, Walter H. Coleman, James Anderson, Thos. David, Harry A. Ramsdell, William A. Allen, Charles L. White (Los Angeles), Nesbit G. Gleason (Cambridge), Henry A. Bodwell, Chas. N. Marland, Herbert S. Stillings, George M. R. Holmes, Gordon R. Cannon, Malcolm B. McTernan, Walter H. Thompson, Albert W. Lowe

and Roy H. Bradford. The present membership is nearly 400.

Two new organizations have been formed, Andover Chapter, O. E. S., with an enrollment of 150, Andover Masonic Club with 200 members. Miss Alice S. Coutts is the first worthy matron and Roy E. Hardy is president of the club.

St. Matthews Lodge has purchased the Flint homestead on Elm street and will raise funds for a Masonic temple. The building is being remodeled for the club, and the opening will be the first of the year.

The present officers are Roy H. Bradford, W. M.; Alexander Morrison, S. W.; Harry Sellars, J. W.; George M. R. Holmes (P. M.), S.; George A. Higgins, T.; Dr. Malcolm B. McTernan, M.; Dr. Albert E. Hulme, C.; Dr. Edwin D. Lane, S. D.; Charles T. Gilliard, J. D.; Roy E. Hardy, S. S.; William D. McIntyre, J. S.; Philip Lowe, I. S.; Horace C. Bodwell, tyler.

ARLINGTON MASONS ANNIVERSARY

Hiram Lodge at Divine Service

Hiram Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Arlington, attended in a body an anniversary service Sunday, December 10, in the Orthodox Congregational Church of Arlington, this being a part of the observance of the 125th anniversary of the institution of the lodge. The anniversary date, December 11, was celebrated by a banquet in the Robbins Memorial town hall at Arlington Centre.

The religious service was under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Don Ivan Patch, who is a member of the lodge. He delivered the anniversary sermon. Other Arlington clergymen who took part in the services were the Rev. Archiver J. Stralt, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Reuben J. Davis, pastor of the Arlington Heights Baptist Church, and the Rev. Harold L. Stratton, pastor of the Park Avenue Congregational Church, Arlington Heights.

MYRON E. SMITH

Myron Emery Smith, one of the best known members of the Masonic fraternity in the state, died December 12 at the Homeopathic Hospital, Boston. He lived at 176 Washington street, Lynn. Bro. Smith was a native of Connecticut, but had made Lynn his home for many years. He was formerly in the livery business in that city, but retired some years ago. Myron was a member of the Scottish bodies in the Boston Masonic Temple, St. Paul's Chapter and Boston Council, all of the Scottish and York organizations, and Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, where he was registrar of candidates. He was also a member of Damascus Lodge of Lynn. He will be missed by a large circle of friends who esteemed him for his qualities as a steadfast friend loyal to all that was best in Freemasonry.



Courtesy Christian Science Monitor

MOST WORSHIPFUL ARTHUR D. PRINCE

GREETINGS FROM THE FAR EAST

Grand Master Prince Returns From Tour of China and Japan

Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, who has just returned to his home in Lowell after a three months' tour of the principal cities in China and Japan, brings to Masonry in this State and to all the states, the fraternal greetings of brethren in the Orient as well as warmest expressions of admiration for the ancient organization from Li Yuan Hung, the president of the Chinese Republic.

For the first time in the history of the Far East, a Grand Master of Masons of any jurisdiction has visited the various lodges of Freemasonry in Japan and China, and the stay of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Massachusetts was made doubly important by that fact. With Mrs. Prince, who accompanied him on all his travels, and with Frank H. Hilton of Belmont, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who acted as Grand Marshal for the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Prince was accorded a round of Masonic and social receptions in the large cities he visited.

Premier Is Inducted

In China the stay of the Masonic party from the United States was given high significance through the initiation of the then Premier of the Republic, Wang Chuang Hui, into Masonry. The Premier of China was honored by the Grand Master of Massachusetts Masons when the latter personally presided when the Chinese official was inducted into the mysteries of the third, or Master-Mason, degree.

"Masonry is performing an invaluable service both to the United States and to China," said the Most Worshipful Grand Master. "The fraternity is binding together in mutual understanding through the ties of fraternity the men of the East and the men of the West."

"Masonry in China is of great value to the men who, by reason of their business, are called upon to live in China. It forms a common link between men of the same race and tends to harmonize the different ideas of other races. In Shanghai, Peking and Tientsin some leading men of China are entering Masonry. That the influence of the fraternity is bringing together in mutual understanding men of many nations and many races was made strongly apparent to us on our visit to our brethren in the East."

Visit to Chinese Lodges

The Grand Master described interestingly his visit to the lodges in China established under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. There are six lodges of Master Masons in China under Massachusetts jurisdiction, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master granted a dispensation while there for the instituting of a lodge in Nanking.

The six Massachusetts lodges in China are located at Dairen, Tientsin, Peking, and three in Shanghai. Ancient Landmark Lodge in Shanghai, the first American lodge in China, was constituted there some 60 years ago. A sketch of the long career of Ancient Landmark Lodge would make a story in itself.

In China the Grand Lodge of England had established some 18 or 20 lodges, while the Grand Lodge of Scotland has probably as many more. The Grand Lodge of Ireland has jurisdiction over a few lodges in that country. The Massachusetts Grand Master said that one thing that impressed him strongly was the fact that these four Masonic jurisdictions are all working together in complete accord and harmony. In Shanghai where the British lodges erected a commodious Temple of Masonry, the Massachusetts lodges hold their meetings. The Grand Master said that the Germans had had a lodge in Shanghai, but that it had dissolved.

The Grand Master, his wife, and acting Grand Marshal Hilton, arrived at Yokohama, Japan, on Sept. 2. A party of Masons, headed by E. M. Frazar, a merchant of the Orient, met them at the wharf. They spent two days there in sight-seeing and at Masonic functions. Visits were paid to Tokyo, the ancient Japanese city of Nikko, Kioto and Kiobe.

Shanghai is Visited

Shanghai was the first Chinese city visited. The party landing there from their steamer were met by a large party of resident Masons and some from the interior. Ten days were spent in Shanghai as the guests of Judge Charles Lobingier, a Mason of 33 degrees, who presides over the United States Court there. The lodges of all jurisdictions paid their visitors much attention.

Then the party left for Tientsin, where a dinner was given in their honor by the new Massachusetts lodge recently instituted there. Brilliant Masonic and state ceremonies awaited the visitors at Peking, the capital. There the then Premier, Wang Chuang-hui, was made a Mason by the Grand Master, and a long visit was made to the President, Li Yuan Hung, who, while not a Mason himself, told the Grand Master of his admiration for the fraternity.

The United States Ambassador, J. G. Schurman, entertained the visitors, and many members of the diplomatic corps were present to meet the Masonic dignitary from the United States. A genuine Chinese dinner of 30 or more courses was one of the functions enjoyed for its novelty by Mr. and Mrs. Prince. While in Peking a side excursion to the Ming tombs of the emperors was made and a further journey to the Chinese wall.

The party returned to Peking and then went to Nanking and Canton before sailing from the British-built city of Hong Kong for Japan and home. Canton interested the United States visitors because of its thoroughly ancient Chinese customs and buildings. In Hong Kong the party was entertained by Governor Severn at his English estate.

AN INTERESTING DECISION

"The Grand Lodge of England, at its recent session, decided that a man, though not physically perfect, may be made a Mason, 'if he is able to understand our secrets and mysteries and to exemplify them when properly called upon.' The responsibility of deciding the case is with the lodge."

ALEPPO NOTES

By J. C. Morse

Thursday, Nov. 16, saw an accession of 132 nobles to the roster of Aleppo Temple in Mechanics Building, Boston, before a great gathering. The nobles gathered at an early hour. From 5.30 to 6.30 there was given a concert in the grand hall by Aleppo band under the direction of the veteran bandmaster, Thomas M. Carter, the selections being as follows:

- 1 March, "The Grand Commander," dedicated to James Stone Blake, High Priest and Prophet of Aleppo Temple, who is also the grand commander of the grand commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- 2 Overture, "Les Diamans de la Couronne," Auber
- 3 Valse, "La Rose de Peronne," Bousquet
- 4 Selection, "Sally," Kern
- 5 Honolulu Shrine Patrol Song "Sunny Jim" Noble
Dedicated to Imperial Potentate James S. McCandless
- 6 Arabian Dance Arnold
- 7 Polka "Schnell-Bahn Frei," Johann Strauss

The occasion was enlivened by the presence of some distinguished members in shrimedom—notably the imperial potentate who was greeted with great acclaim to which he responded fittingly, bestowing the utmost praise on Aleppo and the work this temple was doing in shrimedom and lauding Potentate Walter Woodbury Morrison for the work accomplished during his term of office. The nobility was also addressed by Noble Clifford Ireland, past potentate of Mohammed Temple. Noble Ireland is a member of Congress and as such has endeared himself by the interest he has taken in shrine matters.

Nobles, McCandless and Ireland were presented by Potentate Morrison with beautiful dress shirt buttons and cuff-links as mementoes of their visit.

Aleppo was also honored by the presence of Past Potentate Dana S. Williams of Kora Temple—a man who has done yeoman work for the cause in his state and whose visits here are never too many.

A very warm feeling exists between Oriental Temple of Troy and Aleppo Temple and upon the occasion of the visit of Aleppo to Troy recently Potentate Lloyd of Oriental promised to descend upon us and he made good. He was received with open arms and during his stay was made to feel that the hospitality of Aleppo knew no bounds. He brought with him Past Potentates H. Lewis Waterbury and Daniel Jones, Oriental Guide Ralph W. Rennie, Marshal Fred A. Richardson, Asst. Chief of the Patrol Frank M. Ames, Band Leader William Noller, Nobles Will Keorner, Robert Morris, Charles H. Limerick, Julius Halla, Dr. William H. Campaign, Dr. Herbert De Friest, Frank R. Freeman, C. H. Wilbur, David McRae, W. W. Hatch, publicity representative, Hiram Vedder and John Sanbrook. There were also in the party Po-

tentate F. D. Sargent of Cyprus and George Leavens, director of the same temple.

There were also present Past Potentate Albert E. Larche of Melha and Noble Charles A. Brown of Aloha, the latter created a member of the nobility by Aleppo Temple. Noble Brown was made to step forward and make his acknowledgements to the local nobility and received a warm greeting.

Aleppo's hospitality is proverbial. The occasion of a ceremonial makes it a mecca for hundreds of nobles and they come long distances and often in groups to take in the attractions offered by an occasion of this kind. Palestine always sends a fine representation from Providence; ditto Bektash of New Hampshire; Kora of Maine. Melha, our sister temple from the western part of the state is always well represented and there were nobles from Anah of Bangor, Me., Mt. Sinai of Montpelier, Vt., Pyramid of Bridgeport, Sphinx of Hartford. On hand, too, were nobles from Mecca, Lu Lu, Salaam, Ziyara, Almas Ararat, Boumi, Kismet, Osman, Syria, Aladdin, Ansar, Oasis, Kalurah, Morocco, Calam, Isis, Yaarab, Philae, Nile, Karem, Cairo, Al Amin, in all 35 temples. It is safe to say that more than 50 temples are actually represented. The more the merrier.

Great Patrol Work

Major Fred E. Bolton well earned the encomiums passed upon the splendid work done by the patrol, whether as a whole or in the platoon drill. Music for the marching was furnished by the Aleppo drum corps with Louis Harlow handling the baton. As usual the Aleppo choristers, under direction of Noble Lester M. Bartlett, were in fine form.

The potentate conducted the ceremonial and the chief rabban, Frank Appleton, and the assistant rabban "Doc" Robertson, rendered assistance while "Jimmy" Blake acted as high priest and prophet.

To say that the Imperial Potentate McCandless enjoyed himself while here would be putting it mildly. He expressed himself as highly delighted with the progress of the order, especially the work of the hospitals for crippled children. He alluded to the three trips he will have made across the continent and said that up to his visit to Boston he had visited 61 temples. He was exceedingly fortunate to be here when Boston Commandery had its reception and was accorded the signal honor, as past commander of Honolulu Commandery No. 1, to be received in Boston Commandery. During his stay in Boston he was received at the Boston Masonic Club by President W. L. Terhune, a member of Aleppo of long standing.

While in Boston the imperial potentate was closeted with Imperial Recorder Rowell and the pair succeeded in despatching much important business.

Hitherto Freemasonry in Germany has been divided up as to jurisdiction among eight grand lodges.

A HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES

The Grand Lodges of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico have appointed commissions known as the Tuberculosis Sanitarium Commission to prepare a plan for the establishment of sanitariums for the care of consumptive Masons. This is a most splendid work, too long neglected; and if the Grand Lodges of the United States will undertake this particular work as the great work of symbolic Masonry of the country, it will redound to the credit of the institutions as well as to the benefit of thousands of its members in a way unexcelled. There are a great many Masons in this country that are tubercular, and when one of them passes away, oftentimes he leaves a family; so that the cure of one of them reaches farther than the individual himself.

It is now generally accepted that tuberculosis can be cured, and that the southwest country is the place most suited for its cure. Thousands go there yearly, and the local bodies are called upon to a great extent to assist numbers of our brethren who are unable to pay their own way, and it is a drain upon these lodges that they should not be expected or allowed to bear. They are doing their best, but their best is not enough. Some of those who go to these sections for the improvement of health should not do anything but rest and diet for two or three months, and many of these are unable to do so, but have to go to work as soon as they get there, which militates against their early recovery.

The Masons in Tuscon, Ariz., have spent \$3,000 for the care of brethren from other sections, and this, in addition to what was returned by the lodges to which the tubercular brothers belonged, and like conditions exist in the other cities in that section. This work to establish sanitariums for our brethren suffering from this dread disease ought to appeal strongly to every individual Mason.

Minneapolis Lodge Buys Fire House

Albert Lea Masonic lodge of Minneapolis, Minn., have purchased a building from the fire department of that city, and they will erect a Masonic temple on the site. The price of the present building was \$16,500. Building will be delayed, however, as the fraternity does not come into possession of its property until May, 1924.

San Diego Lodge Oldest in California

San Diego lodge has the distinction of being the oldest Masonic lodge in Southern California. It was chartered May 7, 1853, and in those days its membership consisted principally of officers in the United States Army.

Long Beach, Cal., to Have New Temple

Long Beach, Calif., Masons will erect a temple costing approximately \$500,000.

Juneau, Alaska, on the Map

Juneau, Alaska, is to have a \$50,000 Masonic temple.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

The Grand Lodge of Canada is not only saying but doing things that are beneficial. Instead of passing resolutions of sympathy and condolence in behalf of the suffering Masons in Ireland, it has set aside \$5,000 to be used to assist the Masons in that unhappy country. It is well known to all who have taken the trouble to keep up with the situation that the lodges have been destroyed and the members persecuted to an unheard-of extent in this day of civilization. This grand lodge also proposes to ask each member to contribute the sum of \$5—the membership now being 94,500—the idea being to erect a Masonic home. All of which things are most highly to be commended.

Grand Master Sell of Pennsylvania, who issued the famous edict forbidding the Masons of that State to hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, has very decided views on other questions. According to a reviewer he referred in no complimentary terms to "Masonic clubs and organizations of every kind having as a prerequisite for membership Masonic affiliation." He declared that they were "trifling with Freemasonry" and that they are undignified "in their public behavior to the extent that the fraternity must necessarily be discredited in the estimation of the profane." The G. M. of Pennsylvania is to be commended for upholding the dignity of the Craft.

The late Count Leo Tolstoy, who did so much for the down-trodden peasants of Russia, and whose defiance of autocracy was a beacon for all lovers of freedom, whithersoever dispersed about the globe, was an ardent Mason. As a message to the Craft he wrote:

"In our Temples we recognize no other degrees than those which separate virtue from wrongdoing. Take care not to make any distinction that may tend to destroy equality. Fly to the aid of a brother no matter who he may be; reclaim the wandering; raise the fallen; and never cherish anger or enmity against a brother. Kindle in all hearts the fires of virtue. Do acts of kindness to thy neighbor, and never allow thyself to envy the happiness of another. Forgive thy enemy, and avenge not thyself upon him, except by doing him good. Having fulfilled the highest law, thou wilt discover traces of thy primal lost greatness."—The Trestle Board.

Dowd, Iowa, Dedicates New Temple

The new Masonic temple at Dowd, Iowa, was formally dedicated on November 22. The grand master and grand secretary took part in the dedication ceremony.

A Big Horn

The Shriners band of New Orleans have a horn that is 10 feet high and requires three men to carry it for the player. It is known as the largest horn in the world.

CRYPTIC EXEMPLIFICATION

The annual exemplification of the work of the Cryptic degrees took place at a special assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts, at Worcester, Nov. 4. The Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Dean K. Webster, with the other grand officers were present, and the total attendance considerably exceeded 200, twenty-eight of the thirty-six councils of the jurisdiction being represented. The officers of Zebulun Council, Lynn, exemplified the Royal Masters' degree, with lecture; the Select Master's degree and lecture were given by Hamilton Council, North Adams, one of the youngest councils, and after dinner, the first section of the Super-Excellent Master's degree was given by Abington Council, in full dramatic form, with its new and effective paraphernalia. Officers of Hiram Council, Worcester, gave the second section of this degree. The work throughout was highly gratifying and the exemplification was one of the most successful ever held by the grand council. The work of the several degrees was given under charge of the grand lecturer, Illustrious Companion Marcellus Reeves.

BENEVOLENT WORK OF SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

The benevolent work that is being done by the Scottish Rite bodies of the Southern Jurisdiction is not limited to the bodies in the United States proper. Not a great while ago a Lodge of Perfection was chartered at Iloilo, Philippine Islands, and this body has undertaken and is doing a splendid work under the title of "Baby Clinics." These clinics are held daily with a nurse in charge. The quarters used are in the secretaries' offices in the buildings where the Masonic lodges meet, which requires the doctor, in case operations are necessary, to take the patients to their own offices or to a hospital. Work is being done looking to increasing the scope and efficiency of the work. One brother has offered to furnish the use of land for the erection of a building, and encourage the undertaking in other ways.

Indiana Chapter, Masonry, Flourishes

At the recent annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, William J. Adams, of Fort Wayne, was elected grand master and John W. Swanton was elected deputy grand master. The order in that state has increased 1,667 members during the past year.

Active preparations are being made by the four Royal Arch chapters of Kansas City for a mammoth joint meeting October 30th, when a class of 1,000 will be given the Past and Most Excellent Master degrees.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The Grand Lodge of Illinois reports a gain of 17,558 last year, or as many as during the two preceding years.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio reports a net gain in membership of 9,000 during the year ending October.

Rajah Temple dedicated its new mosque in Reading, Pa., on the 12th inst.

The corner stone of the new Masonic Temple for Walnut Hill lodge, Cincinnati, was laid by P. G. M. Williams. Over 5,000 Masons were in the parade.

Fire caused damage amounting to \$150,000 to the Masonic Temple, Middleton, N. Y. recently.

At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of California charters for 26 new lodges were granted.

A new Masonic temple, costing \$500,000 is being erected in Patterson, N. J.

Portland lodge, Portland, Oregon, was formed in 1872, and has a membership of over 1,000.

Bro. Charles Silverman, of Canton, Ohio, is 92 years old. He was made a Mason October 28, 1885.

In 1804 the first Masonic lodge was opened in Illinois in Kaskaskia, a village that existed 96 years before Chicago had a being. It was called Western Star lodge, and ceased work on February 7, 1829.

"I s'pose likely," remarked the prosperous old farmer, "if I wanted to I could afford to junk this here rickety, bouncin', jarrin' old hootin' nanny-car o'mine and git me one of them big, shiny, pompous smooth-rollin' chariots; but honest, I'll be darned if I like 'em. When I'm ridn', I want to know it!"

Columbia Chapter, Philadelphia, celebrated its centennial last month.

Bro. S. Sawyer, Woodport, N. Y., 94 years of age, was made a Mason in 1851, and is the oldest Mason in New York State.

Helena, Mont., with a population of 12,000, has a Shrine membership of 2,300 and a \$400,000 temple.

The new Masonic Temple which the Masons of Kamloops, British Columbia, are building is rapidly nearing completion. It bids fair to equal any building in the province of a like nature in beauty and style of architecture.

MASONIC SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL FOR BIRMINGHAM

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire will be held under the presidency of Brother Col. W. F. Wyley, provincial grand master, at the town hall, Birmingham, on October 30. In addition to the ordinary annual routine business there is one special feature of interest in the agenda. A committee is to be appointed to arrange the purchase from the Birmingham City Corporation of a suitable site, and the erection thereon of a Masonic Temple, and its complete furnishing and equipment. The building is to be a memorial to those brethren of the province who lost their lives in the great war, and the necessary funds to defray the cost will be found by systematic collections in the lodges, chapters and other Masonic bodies in Warwickshire. It is also proposed to vote a sum of 250 guineas to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund.—London Freemason.

FOREIGN COMMENT

The first lodge of Masons in Germany was founded in Hamburg on December 6, 1737.

American women living in Coblenz, Germany, have applied for an Eastern Star chapter in the German city.

The Grand Lodge of Canada has a general fund of nearly \$400,000. It makes use of this fund for benevolences. Last year it spent for such purposes \$69,000.

R. S. Norman, who recently died in his ninety-fourth year, held the world's record as tyler. He had served in that capacity for seventy-two years with Apollo Lodge, No. 305, at Peebles, and was for many years macebearer to the corporation.—The Freemason, England.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand reports a net increase of 445 members during 1921, bringing the membership at the end of the year up to 2,550. During 1921 there were 319 exaltations, as compared with 248 in 1920, and fifty-three joining members, as compared with thirty-seven in the previous year. There are now forty-two chapters working under that constitution, seven under the Scottish and two under the Irish constitution.

New Temple for Niagara Falls, Ont.

Under the name of Adoniram Masonic, Limited, the brethren at Niagara Falls, Ontario, have incorporated themselves in the amount of \$25,000 for the purposes of building a temple. This will not only provide much-needed lodge accommodation but contain also an auditorium, offices and other sources of revenue. The provisional directors are: Brothers Charles H. Stringer, George E. French, Robert O. Blaney, Alex. Fleming and D. G. MacGillivray.—Toronto Masonic Sun.

All Sorts

O, Wise Judge

Judge to jury: Gentlemen, you have heard the evidence; the prisoner is indicted for stealing pigs. The offense seems to be getting a common one. The time is coming when this must be put a stop to: otherwise, gentlemen, we shall none of us be safe.

Safety First!

A butterfly was caught at the South End yesterday. It may be safe enough to catch a butterfly at the South End, but when you go to grab a wasp, you want to catch it at the northeasterly end, shifting westerly toward the head.

Wrong Information

Here's a book, madam, said the book agent, that tells you how to keep your husband; it's a wonderful little book. The woman replied: I've been keeping my husband for the last fifteen years; what I want is a book that will tell me how to make him go to work and keep me, for a change.

Ye Canna Beat It

The Scots are a thrifty race. The father of a family was about to set off on a business trip, and was giving his partner exhortations. "Good bye, my dear," to his wife, "an' dinna forget to mak wee Sandy tak off his glasses when he's no lookin' at onythin'."

Opera Buffet

A very deaf old lady, walking along the street, saw an Italian turning a peanut roaster. She stood looking at it awhile, shook her head and said, No, I shan't give you any money for such music as that: I can't hear the tunes: and beside, it smells as if there was something burning inside.

Now, Phat d'ye Think of That?

Pat developed a tendency to hang around the corner saloon and otherwise dissipate. His wife asked the parish priest to reprimand him. "Father," said Pat, meeting the priest shortly thereafter, "phwat is lumbago?"

"Lumbago, Pat," said the priest sternly, seeing a chance to point a moral, "is a terrible disease which comes from drinking up booze and chasing around nights."

"Is thot so?" said the bewildered Pat. "It says in the pa-aper that the pope has lumbago."

Located Right

The editor was ramping mad. "Are you the ass who wrote up that Blue Lodge ball?" he said to the trembling reporter. "Oh, you are, are you? Well, look at this. Among the prettiest girls in the room was Major Holdhead. I presume the Major's a man, isn't he?" "He may be," replied the reporter, barefacedly, "but anyhow, that's where he was."

EASTERN STAR NOTES

Doings of Atlantic Chapter

Regular meetings of the chapter are being held monthly and active co-operation is being extended by the members to the officers in creating interest, raising money for the necessary paraphernalia and keeping up the high standards with which this chapter was formed.

A fair was held in Community Hall, Atlantic, on Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9. Whist parties and cake and candy sales were held frequently to help swell the funds so that the fair should be a great success. Members of other chapters attend the fair in large numbers.

Samoset Chapter Hold Hallowe'en Party

Samoset Chapter, No. 109, after a short business meeting on October 17, held a Hallowe'en party in the banquet hall of the Masonic temple. The spirit of Hallowe'en prevailed throughout the evening. All present joined in the numerous games and enjoyed a most pleasant evening.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many visitors from neighboring chapters. A chicken pie supper preceded the business meeting.

The initiatory work was exemplified on a large class on November 21st.

Brookline Chapter Has Many Doings

On Tuesday, November 28, the regular meeting of Brookline Chapter, No. 112, took place at the chapter rooms. After the business meeting and banquet to visiting and chapter officers, came the initiation of candidates and the exemplification of work by visiting worthy matrons and patrons. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting, in charge of Sister Jane L. Findlay.

On Saturday, December 2, a Christmas sale was held at Masonic Hall, Brookline, and was a great success in every way, the chapter clearing between four and five hundred dollars. There were the regular tables for candy, food, fancy articles, dolls and toys, Christmas tree grabs, and "Thompson's Spa" in charge of Sister Elsie Thompson and husband, a freak show and palmist.

Stoughton Chapter's Annual Meeting

The third annual election of officers of Stoughton Chapter No. 168 was held Monday evening, December 4, at which the following

officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, S. Emma Fullerton; W. P. Henry Trollope; Ass. M. Mary E. Eastman; Cond., Marian L. Drake; Ass. Cond., Edith V. P. Morris; Sec., Evelyn M. Drake; Treas., Bertha M. M. McGaw.

The installation will take place Jan. 1, 1923 by the Grand Matron, assisted by Charles W. Kidder, P. G. P., Catharine M. Hoffman P. M. of Boston Chap. and Mystic L. Swift, D. G. M.

Quincy Chapter Has Busy Season

The meeting of Quincy Chapter on Nov. 6th was preceded by a home supper. After the business meeting a whist party was held for the benefit of the Isadore Forbes Benevolent Fund. Also a sale of articles left from the Fair was held.

The meeting of Nov. 15th was largely attended, initiatory work was exemplified by Past Matrons and Patrons of Quincy Chapter.

Annual election of Officers was held at the meeting of December 4th and the chapter is looking forward to having another successful year.

The Star in Attleboro

Hope Chapter No. 41 O. E. S. of Attleboro held its annual meeting Dec. 4 in Masonic Hall.

The annual reports of secretary, treasurer, trustees, finance and relief committees were read and approved.

The first nomination for the officers of 1923 was that Sister Ella Pease Rogers, who has served so splendidly the past year succeed herself as worthy matron. Sister Rogers declined the honor and nominated sister Alice Josselyn for the office of worthy matron. Ballots were cast and the following officers were elected for 1923. Cook worthy patron, Sister Alice A. Josselyn, worthy matron; Brother Robert Cook, worthy patron; Sister Margaret A. Gelmore, associate matron; Sister Minnie A. Briggs, P. M., secretary; Sister Caroline T. Sears, P. M., treasurer; Sister Mabel Dunham, conductress; Sister Phyllis W. Sadler, associate conductress; Brother William W. Josselyn, P. P., trustee for three years, and Brother James Palmer, Sister E. Grace King, P. M., and Sister Eliza G. Daggett, finance committee.

A special meeting will be held December 18 for initiation of candidates to be followed by a social and entertainment.

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Hadassah Chapter Takes Possession of New Quarters

Hadassah Chapter dedicated November 8 at Virginia street, Dorchester, what is said to be the first temple of the Order of the Eastern Star in Massachusetts. In the presence of several hundred persons, the picturesque brick and stone church building erected more than a score of years ago by a Unitarian congregation became a temple for the perpetuation of the inspiring ideals taught by the women relatives of Masons.

In the dedicatory ceremony proper which followed the regular meeting of Hadassah Chapter and a reception in honor of the past and present Grand Chapter officers who are members of Hadassah Chapter, of the life, honorary and charter members, as well as of the past matrons and patrons, Guy A. Ham, past grand patron of the Grand Chapter and the third worthy patron of Hadassah Chapter, delivered the principal address.

Origin of Project

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Comer, worthy matron of Hadassah, and deputy grand marshal of the Grand Chapter, opened the dedicatory ceremony and introduced Sister Alice Knowlton of Allston, who had first proposed converting the church, which had more recently been occupied by a Greek Catholic congregation, into a temple of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Knowlton read her story of how she had first visualized the opportunity for Hadassah Chapter to be the first in Massachusetts to dedicate a temple to be used solely for the various ceremonials of the Order.

Bro. Ham, who engineered the financial campaign whereby the chapter has gained ownership of the structure appraised at \$100,000, told something of what the possession of a temple dedicated to Eastern Star will mean to the organization, not only in Dorchester and Boston, but to the State as well. He sketched the career of the chapter since its constitution and paid eloquent tribute to the fraternal worth and influence of the state and national organization. In the names of various donors he presented the chapter 17 dark oak upholstered chairs for its officers.

A regular business meeting of the chapter early in the evening was followed by the ceremonial of the obligation, exemplified by the officers and Star Points of Hadassah Chapter. A pretty touch and out of the ordinary was given to the exercises when the officers, each holding a lighted candle in the left hand, marched from an ante-room into the darkened temple and pledged anew the principles of the Order. The exemplification of the obligation enabled the chapter to exhibit the working of the new lighting system to members and guests.

In Reception Line

Those of special prominence in the reception march which followed the closing of the regular meeting of the chapter and which was led by Adelle Adlard, or "Miss Hadassah," as she

has ever been called, being born the year the chapter was formed, were:

Sister Jane Gray Payzant, associate grand matron of the Grand Chapter; Sister Elizabeth E. Comer, worthy matron of the chapter and deputy grand marshal; Brother Ham, past patron and past grand patron; Sister Maude E. Wright, past grand matron, and Sister Ivonetta G. White, first worthy matron of Hadassah.

Though most of the Grand Chapter officials were in Nantucket attending the constitution of a chapter of Eastern Star on that island, there were about 40 in the reception line. A pleasant feature was the presentation to the chapter of a large picture of Bro. Ham, past patron, by his wife, Sister Anna E. Ham, worthy matron in 1918. Appropriate speeches were made by Sister Ham in presenting the picture and by Worthy Matron Comer for the chapter upon receiving it. Sister Ham said that she hoped a practice would follow of presenting portraits of all the past patrons for the walls of the ante-rooms of the temple.

Master Lowell Hutchins by special request delivered a short talk on the Order of DeMolay, founded to inculcate Masonic ideals in sons of Masons and their chunes.

Following the dedicatory ceremonial an entertainment was given and dancing and refreshments concluded the evening's enjoyment. At the entertainment, Mrs. Dora King MacMurray was the reader, Sister Helen Fletcher the soloist, and Sister Marion Kennedy the pianist. The Adlard orchestra of six pieces played.

Temple Hadassah floor will seat very easily 250 for the degree work, while as an audience room from 500 to 600 can be accommodated. There is also a roomy balcony. The East is exceptionally large, as that space was formerly occupied by pulpit and altar when the edifice was used as a church.

In the basement is a large dining room with good kitchen facilities, as well as dressing-rooms for the officers and retiring rooms.

The worthy matron's chair was presented the chapter by Sister Caroline Hubbard; the worthy patron's chair by Sister Miriam Noffsinger in memory of A. Warren Gould, past patron of Winona Chapter; the chaplain's chair by Sister Rose A. Little, first chaplain of the chapter; the marshal's chair by Sister Anna E. Ham; the associate conductress' chair by Sister Bernice E. Coleman; for the Star Points' chairs, "Adah" by Sister Margaret Bruce, "Ruth" by Bro. and Sister Frederick M. Sears, past patron and matron, "Esther" by Sister Sarah G. Hill, "Martha" in memory of Sister Ella White Noyes by her husband and family, and "Electa" by Bro. and Sister George Gould in memory of Gladys M. Gould, daughter.

The pedestal for the East was given by the past and present patrons of the chapter and that in the West by James D. Henderson, past patron. The warder's chair was given in memory of Sister Agda Peterson by her husband and family.

The officers of Hadassah Chapter for the present year are: worthy matron, Sister Elizabeth E. Comer; worthy patron, Justin E. Trefry; associate matron, Sister Elizabeth A. Fletcher; secretary, Sister Abbie M. Swain; treasurer, Sister Sarah B. Barton; conductress, Sister

Alma M. Worthington; associate conductress, Sister Bernice E. Coleman; chaplain, Sister Edel K. Trefry; marshal, Sister Mary A. Rolfe; organist, Sister Marian H. Kennedy; Adah, Sister Evelyn Elrick; Ruth, Sister May J. Donaghy; Esther, Sister Genevieve R. Phillips; Martha, Sister Ella W. Noyes; Electa, Sister Ruth C. Thomas; warder, Sister Margaret Bruce; sentinel, Russell E. Austin, and trustees, Sister Marian Scarr, Sister Hannah De Korte, and Leonard M. Wilbur.

Orion Chapter Has Official Inspection

The official inspection of Orion Chapter, No. 110, Uxbridge, occurred on Thursday evening, November 23rd, the inspecting officers being Sister Mary Saddler, D. G. M., assisted by Sister Bertha Orr, deputy grand marshal, both of Hope Chapter, Attleboro, and Bro. Conant, the worthy patron of Hope Chapter, officiating grand patron. A delicious supper was served by a committee from the chapter.

At eight o'clock the chapter reconvened in Odd Fellows Hall. There were twenty-two members of the officiating grand officers' chapter present and large delegations from various other chapters' members and guests numbering about 200.

Orion Chapter plans an entertainment for January 8th, to be given in the hall of the new Community House. The talent engaged is a male quartet from Brown University Glee Club and a reader and dancer.

The chapter gave a children's party in June on the shaded lawn of one of its members. The little people were made happy with games, ice cream cones and cakes, and something in each hand to carry home.

At the October meeting the officers of the chapter presented the beautiful and impressive obligation ceremony and many since have expressed a desire to have it given each year.

There were guests from a number of neighboring chapters.

Official Inspection at Brookline Chapter

The regular October meeting of Brookline Chapter, No. 112, was official inspection by the following officers: Sister Helen Barnfather, P. M., grand conductress and deputy grand matron, assisted by Sister Mabel F. White, P. M., deputy grand marshal pro tem. The work was very highly commended by the visiting officers, and all those present felt the high standard was kept which Brookline Chapter has set for many years. The singing of Bro. Ernest F. Speth added to the pleasure during the initiation. Preceding the evening's work, a caterer's banquet was served.

The chapter held a dance in Whitney Hall on Saturday evening, October 28th, and a most enjoyable time was had.

The chapter also held a fair at the chapter rooms on Saturday, December 2.

Atlantic Chapter Has Bazaar

The Atlantic Chapter, No. 179, held its first annual bazaar on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9. Each booth represented a day of the week and contained articles for household use nominally suitable for that day. Associate Ma-

tron Annabel Packard was chairman and spared no efforts to make it a success. The bazaar was held in Atlantic Community Hall and was attended by many friends from other chapters. The proceeds of the bazaar goes for charitable and local needs.

The annual meeting with election of new officers took place at the December meeting, a report of which will be given in the next issue.

Turkey Supper Served by Samoset Chapter

On Nov. 21 Samoset Chapter, No. 109, of Norwood, was opened at five o'clock and at six-thirty a turkey supper was served to one hundred and eighty-five members and visitors. The chapter reconvened at eight o'clock. Two members were received by affiliation and eight by initiation. The unusual number of visitors and the excellent work done by the worthy matron and her officers made the occasion one of more than ordinary interest.

Sherburne Chapter Constituted at Nantucket

Sherburne Chapter, No. 182, O. E. S., of Nantucket, was constituted on November 8. A turkey supper was prepared in John B. Chase Hall and the ceremony of Constitution was performed by the grand officers in Odd Fellows Hall in the presence of a large number of members and guests representing twenty-four chapters. Sherburne Chapter has many plans for the coming year. Already two successful food sales have been held and a whist party was also held on December 6.

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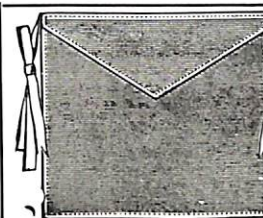
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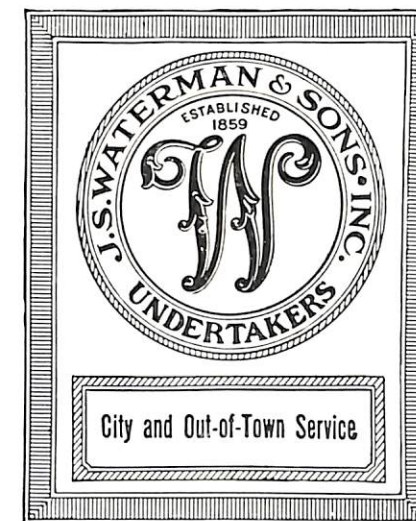
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